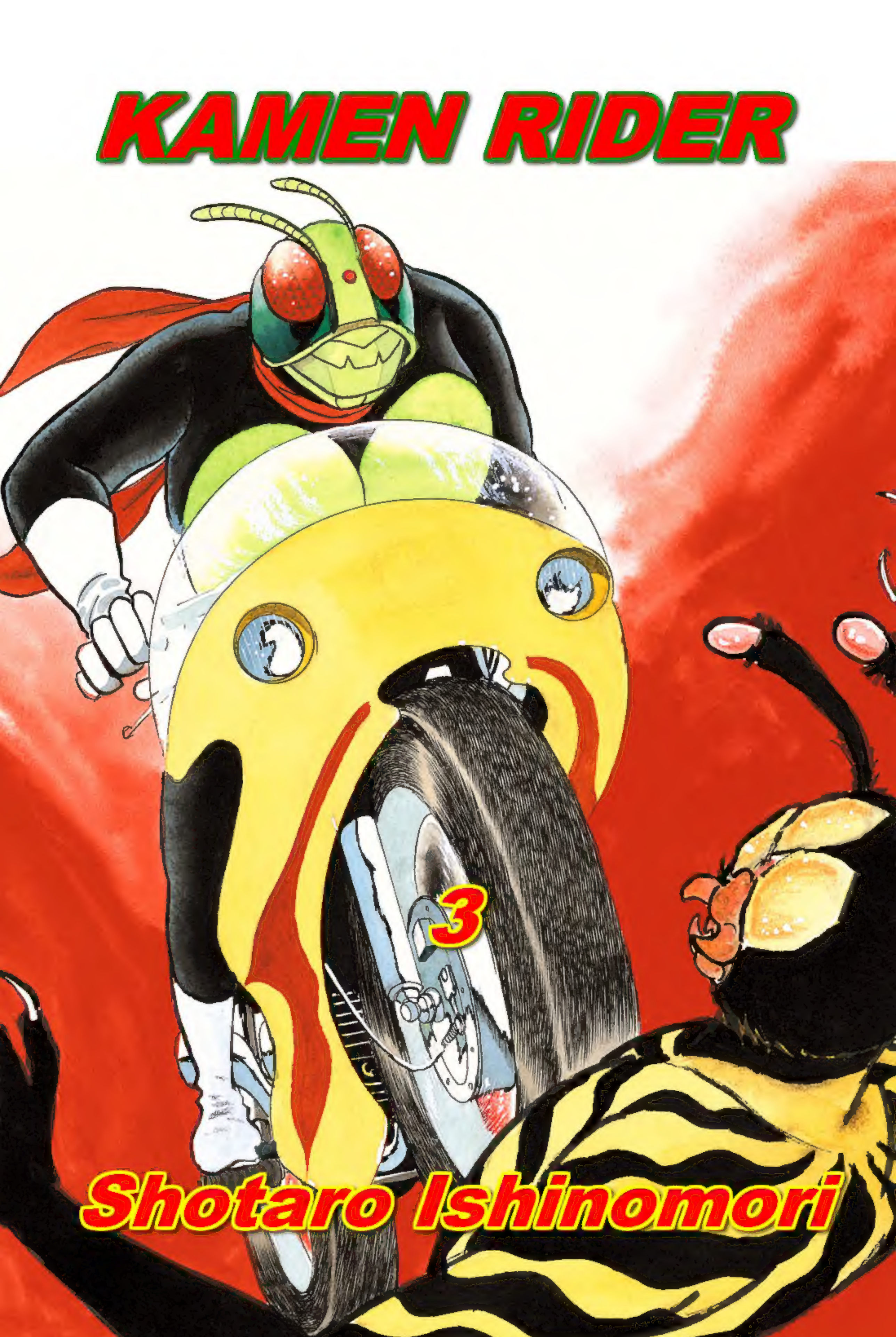
KAMEN RIDER



Shotaro Ishinomori

SWOOP

BZZZT

FLAP

WHIRR

KAROO

GET OUT OF MY WAY, YOU FREAK RAYS!

GO BACK TO THE SEA!!

DON'T YOU KNOW?
YOU DON'T BELONG IN THE SKY!!
VRRRRM

SPISH

VRM VRM VRM!

PA...

OH PA...

...

I'M SORRY...

I...

I DIDN'T KNOW!

SPLASH

SPLASH

SPLASH

SPLASH

PA...

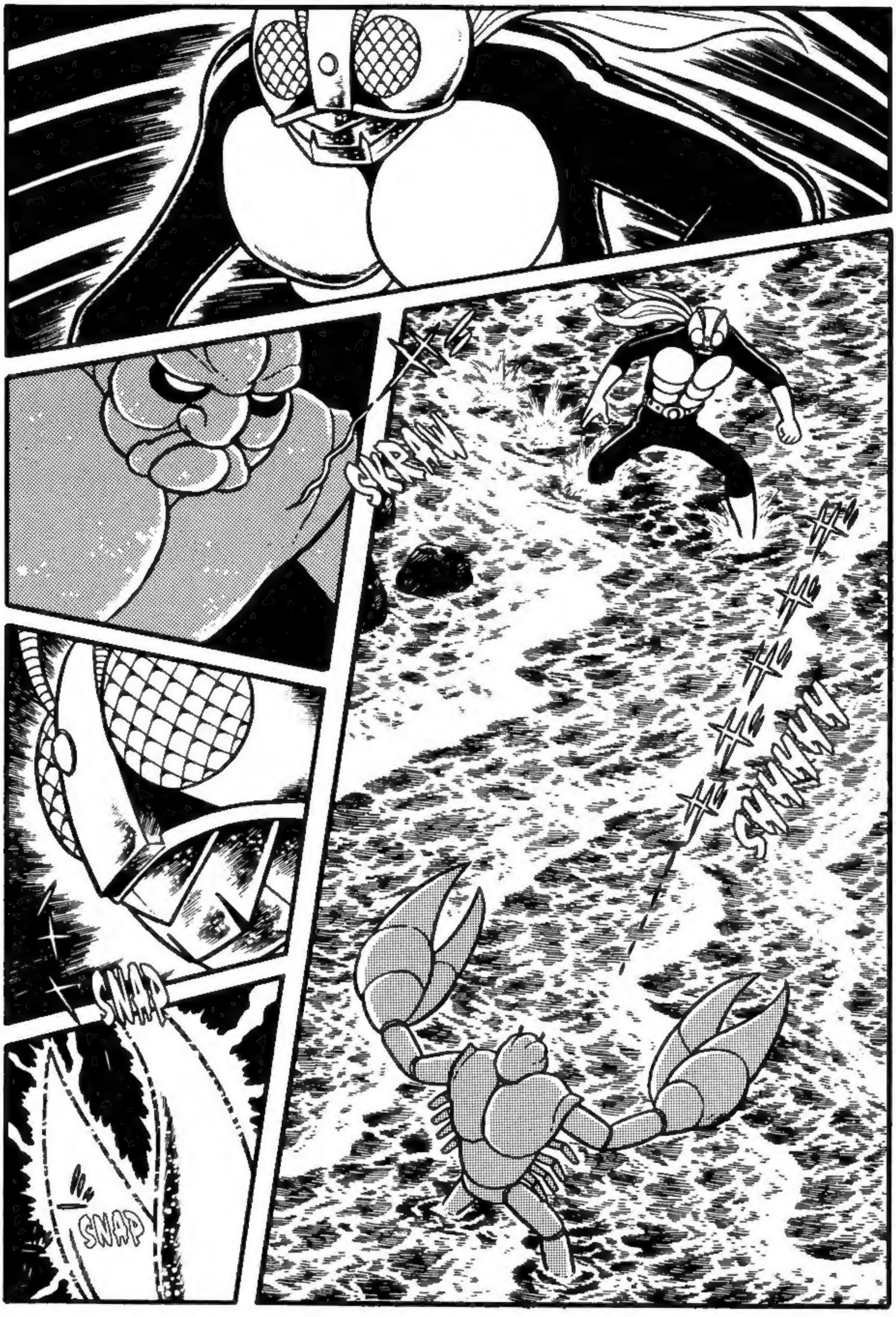
SPLASH

WATCH OVER ME FROM HERE!

SPISH

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND THE VILLAGERS... IT'S ALL THEIR FAULT!

SPLOOSH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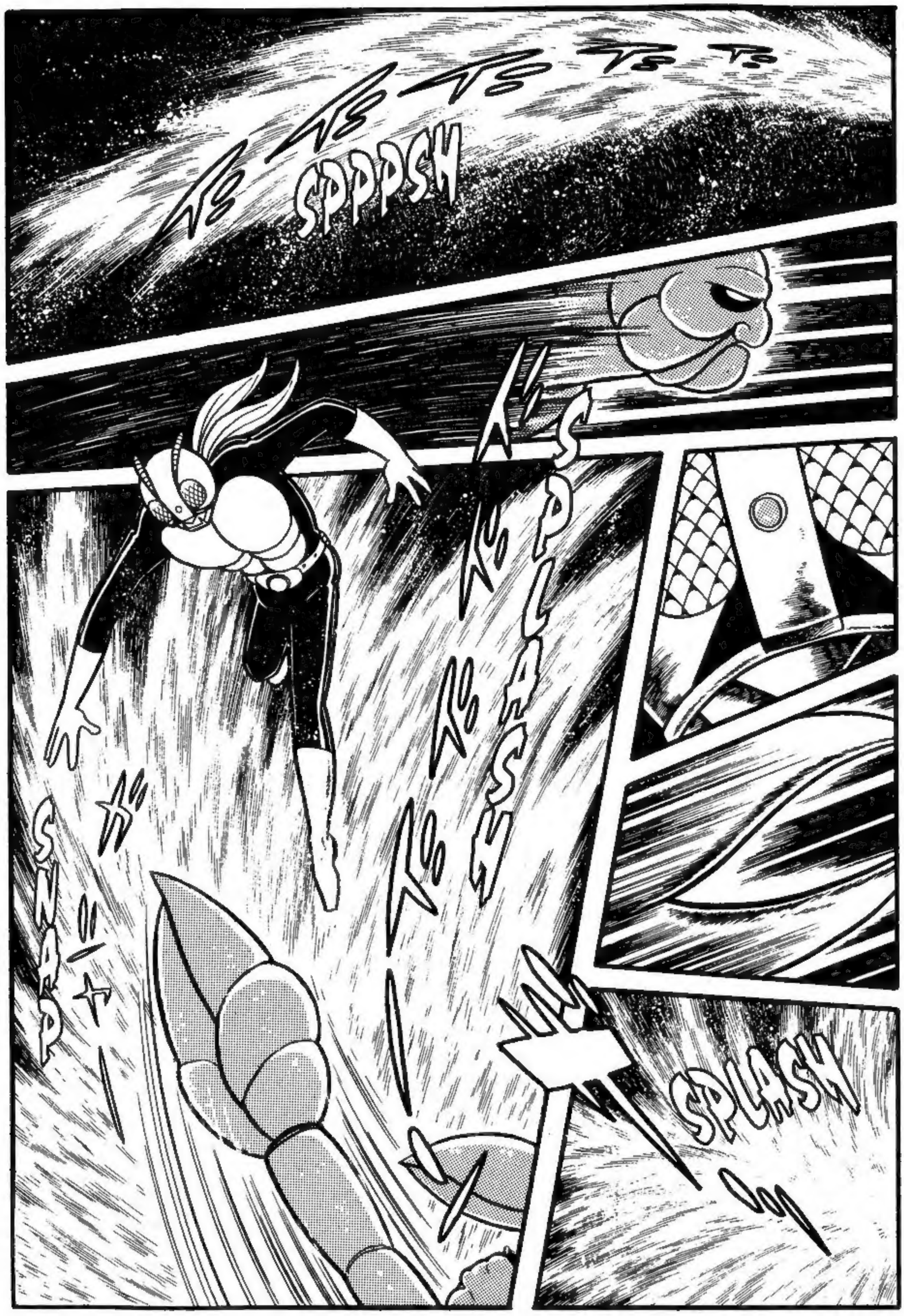
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!?

SHHHH

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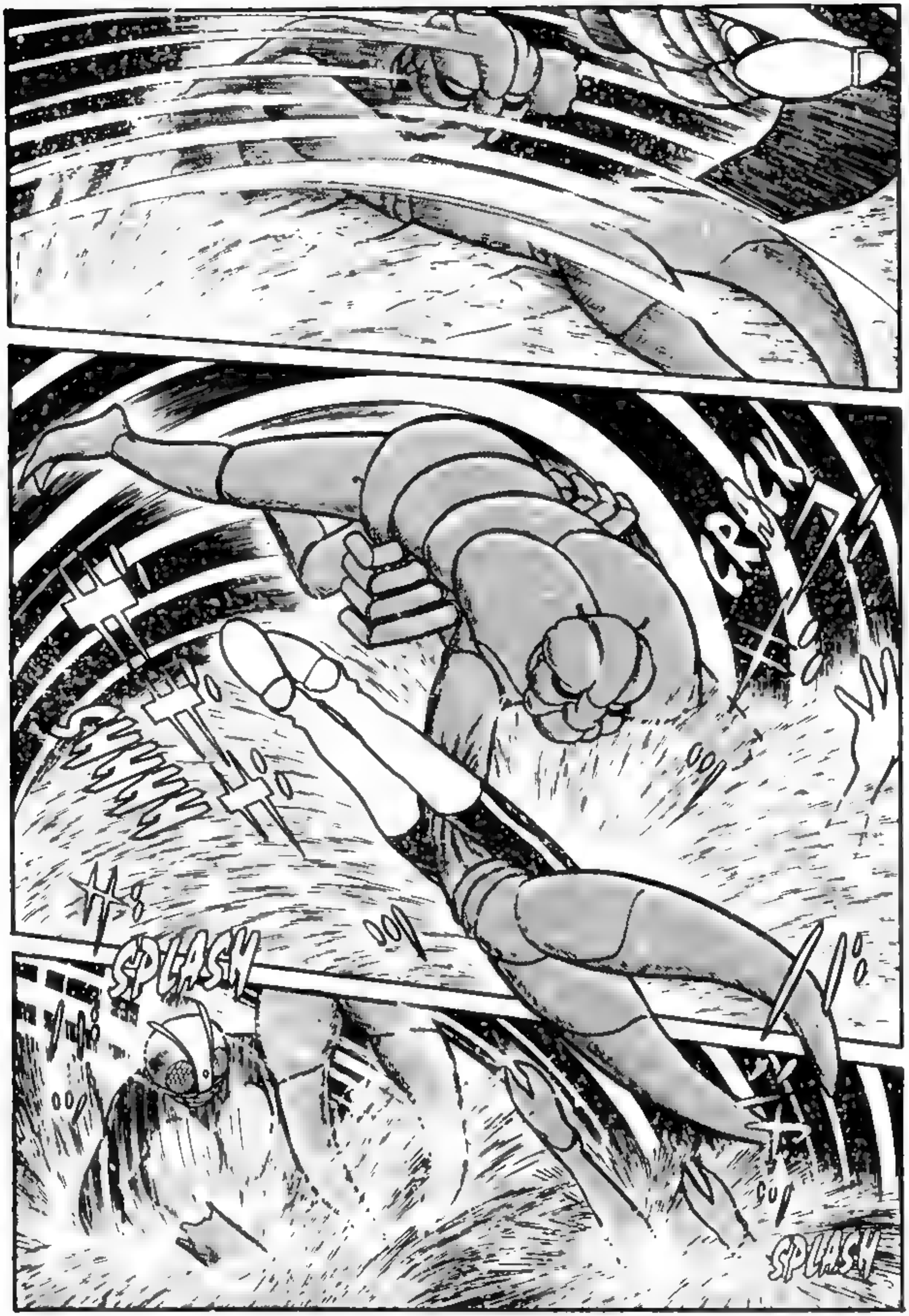
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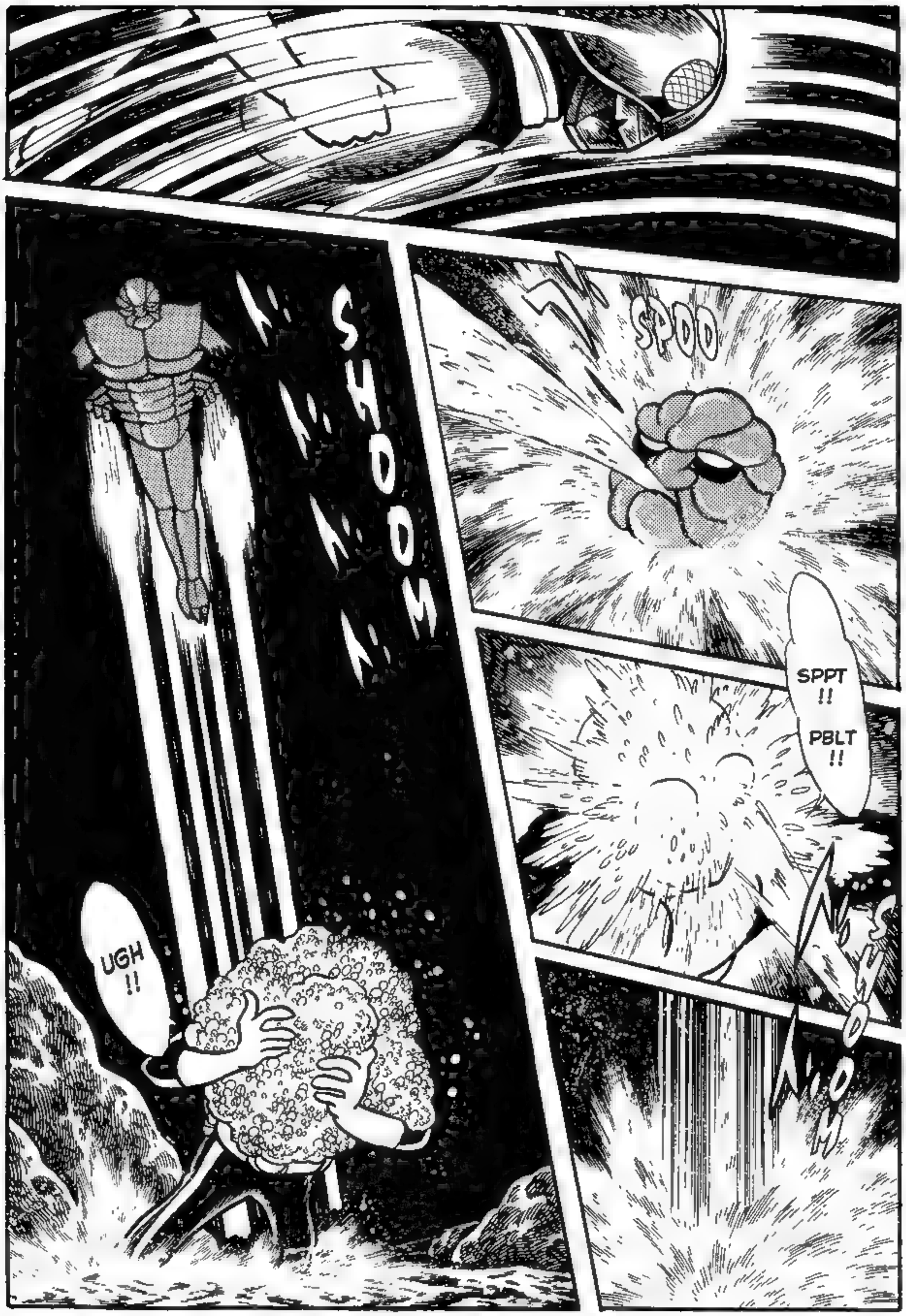

SHOOM
SPOO
SPPT !!
PBLT !!
UGH !!

THE WATER!

HAYATO...!

WASH IT OFF IN THE WATER!!

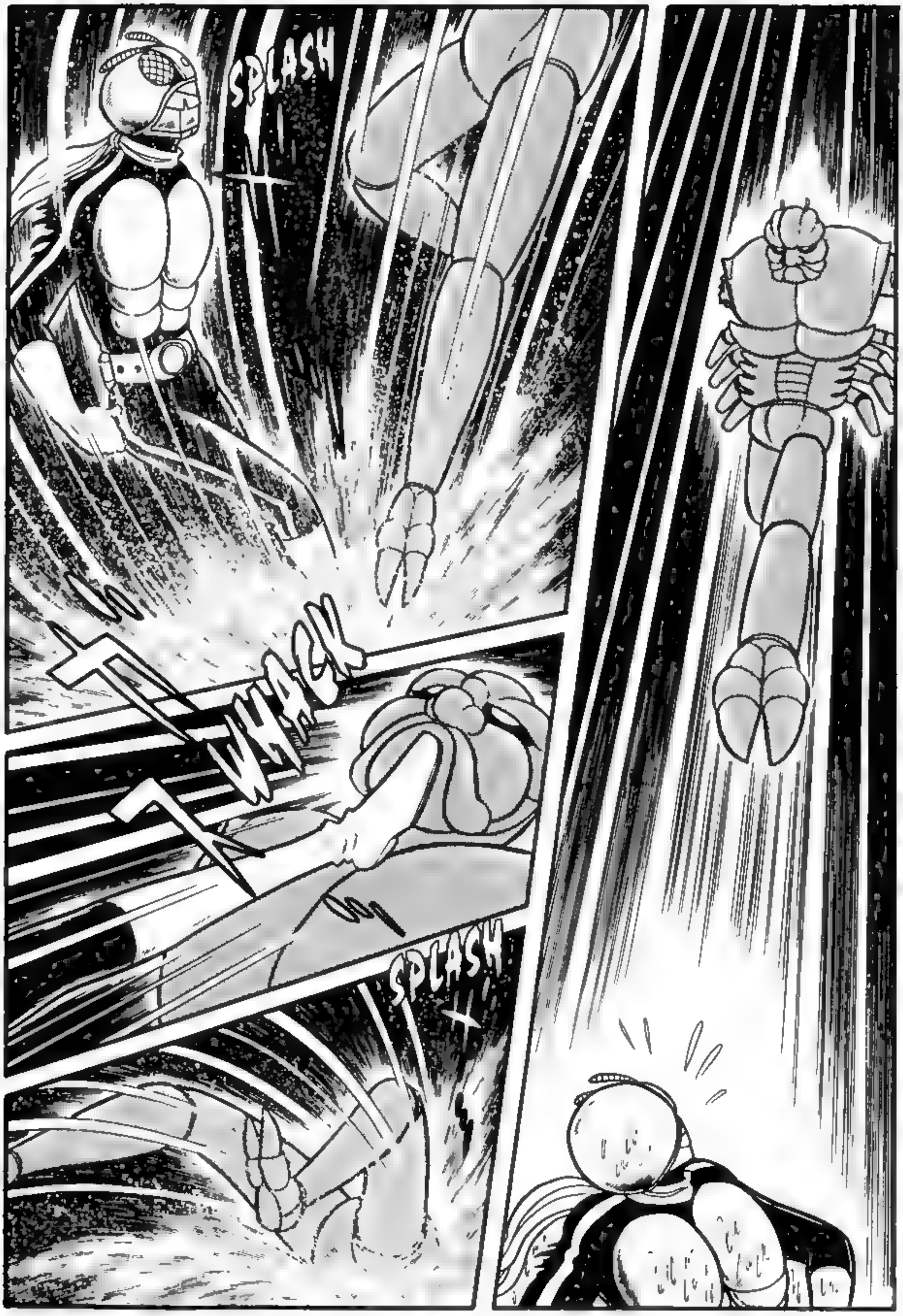
FOOSH

FOOSH

LOOK OUT, HAYATO !!

UGH..

OOF!


SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH

SHHHHH
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
WAIT, HAYATO! LET HIM GO! YOU'RE INJURED!!
IT'S JUST A SCRATCH. I'LL BE FINE!
HE'S TRYING TO GET AWAY!!
SPLASH
IF I DON'T FOLLOW HIM NOW, WE MAY NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO FIND THE BASE WHERE THEY'RE CONTROLLING THE VILLAGERS FROM!

HUH
!?

UH...

THEY'RE CONTROLLING THE SHARKS, TOO!?

!!

DANG!

WHOA!!

REVERSE THRUST PROPULSION...!!

W.O.O.S.H.

KA-
BOOM!

I KNEW IT!

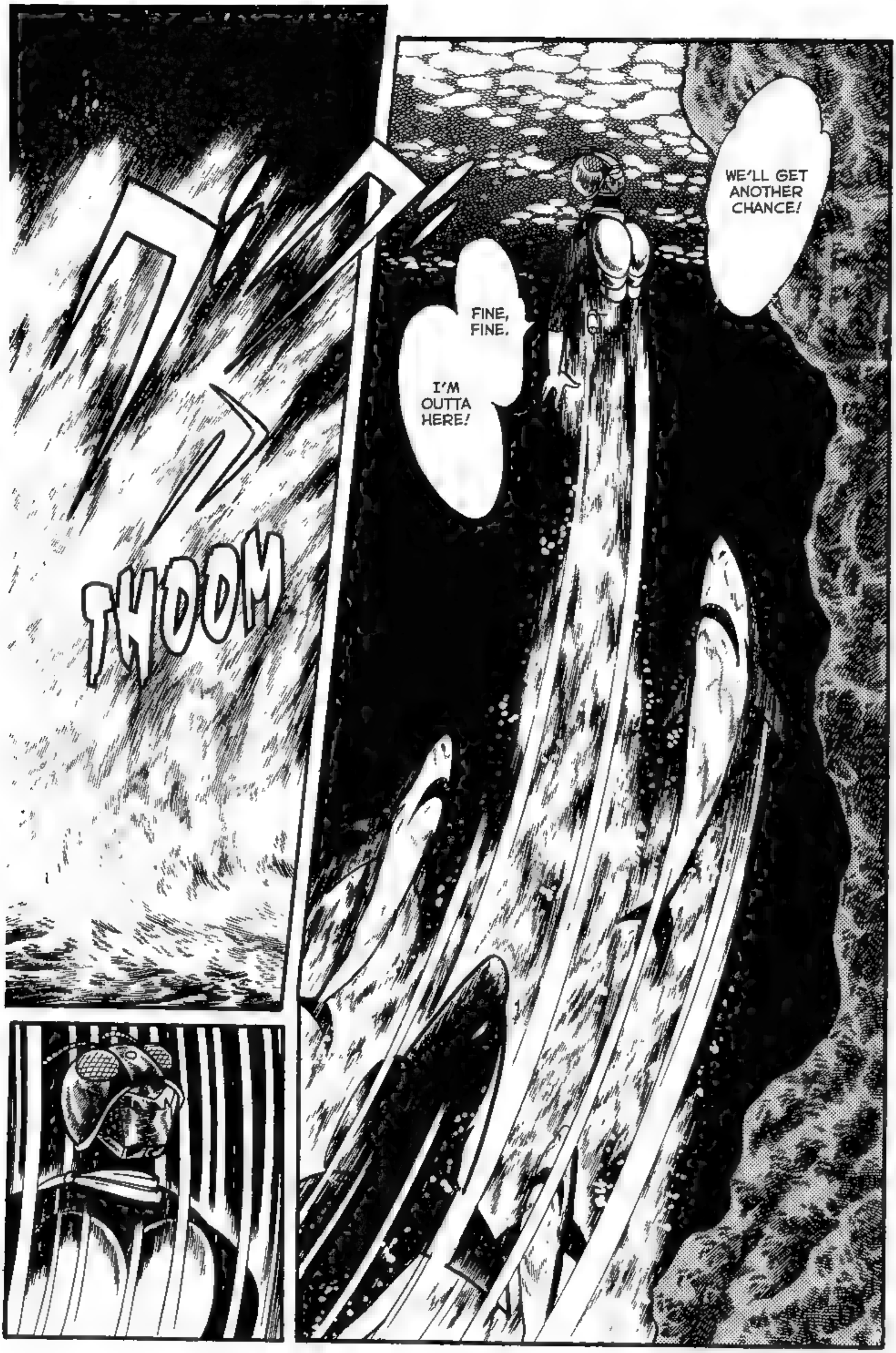
THESE GUYS ARE SHARK BOMBS!

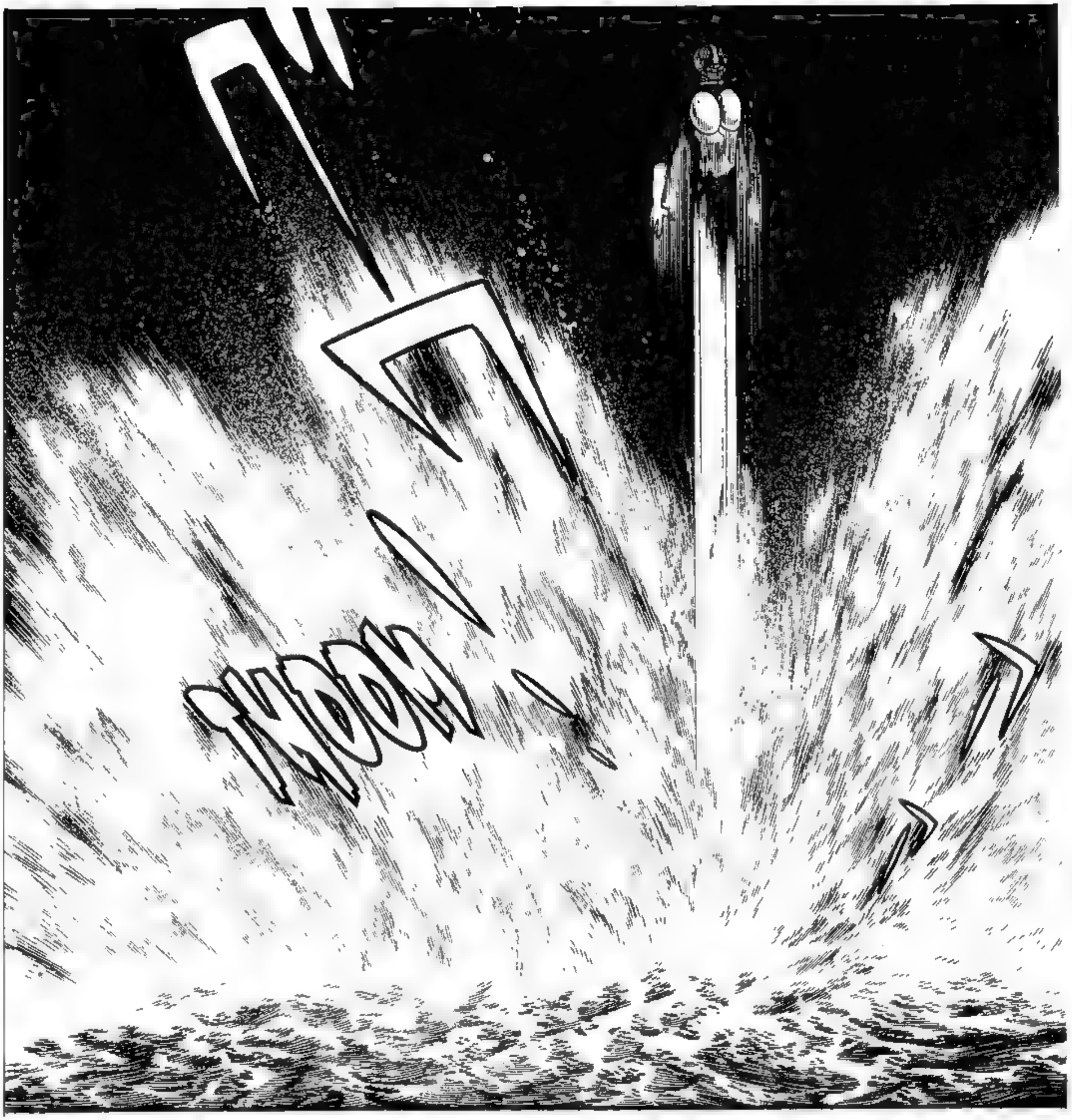
IT DRAINS TWO OR THREE TIMES THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF ENERGY!!

HAYATO! DON'T OVERUSE THE REVERSE THRUST!

KAFOOM

I'LL JUST GET BLOWN TO BITS INSTEAD!
WELL, GEE... OKAY!
JUST GET OUT OF THERE FOR NOW!
KHOOM
WE'LL LOSE CRAB MAN'S TRAIL!
BUT...


WE'LL GET ANOTHER CHANCE!
FINE, FINE.
I'M OUTTA HERE!
THOOM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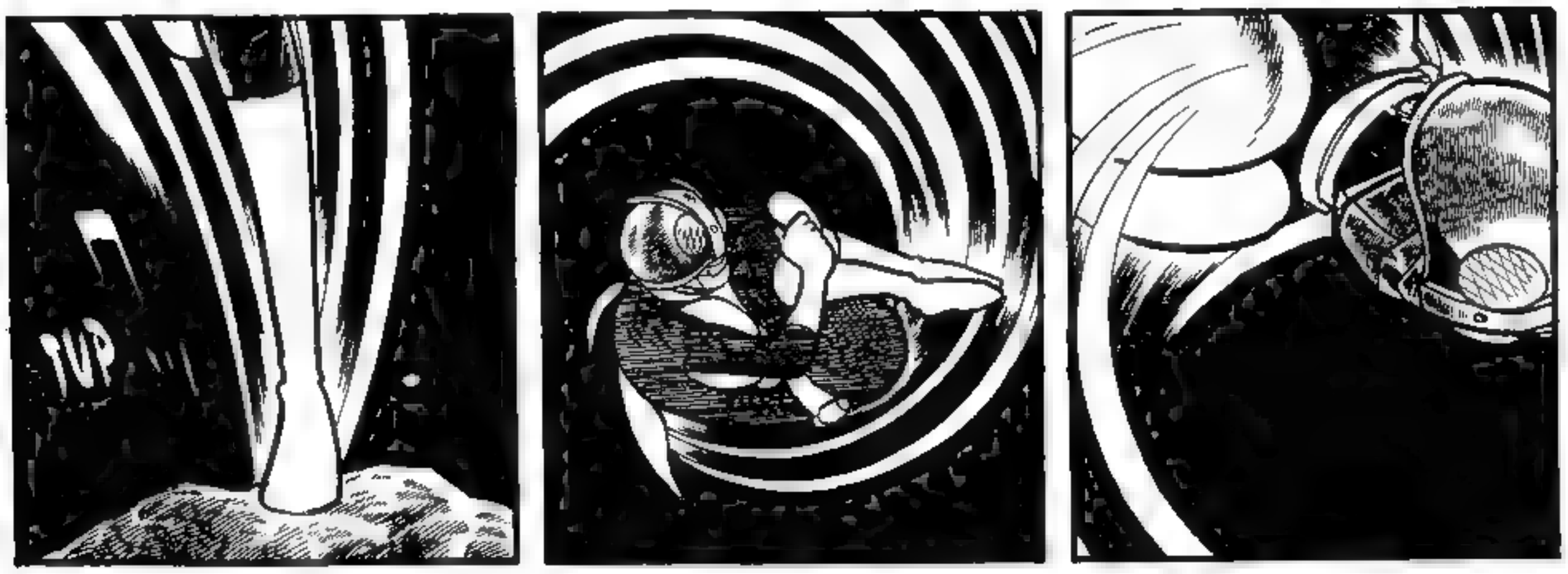


BONK

CURSE THAT CRAB MAN...!!

THUNK

THUNK

THUNK

I THINK IT WAS THE RIGHT DECISION TO RETREAT FOR NOW.

I'M SURE THEY APPRECIATE YOUR APPROVAL.

WELL... I GOTTA GIVE PROPS TO SHOCKER FOR MAKING SUCH EFFECTIVE SENTRIES...

BE CAREFUL! THERE'S ANOTHER CYBORG NEARBY!!

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

HUH !?

IF THEY DIDN'T SEND SOMEONE ELSE AFTER YOU, THAT COULD MEAN THAT THEIR BASE IS CLOSE TO YOUR LOCATION.

IT'S POSSIBLE... BUT IT COULD EASILY BE SOMEONE NEW!

IS IT CRAB MAN !?

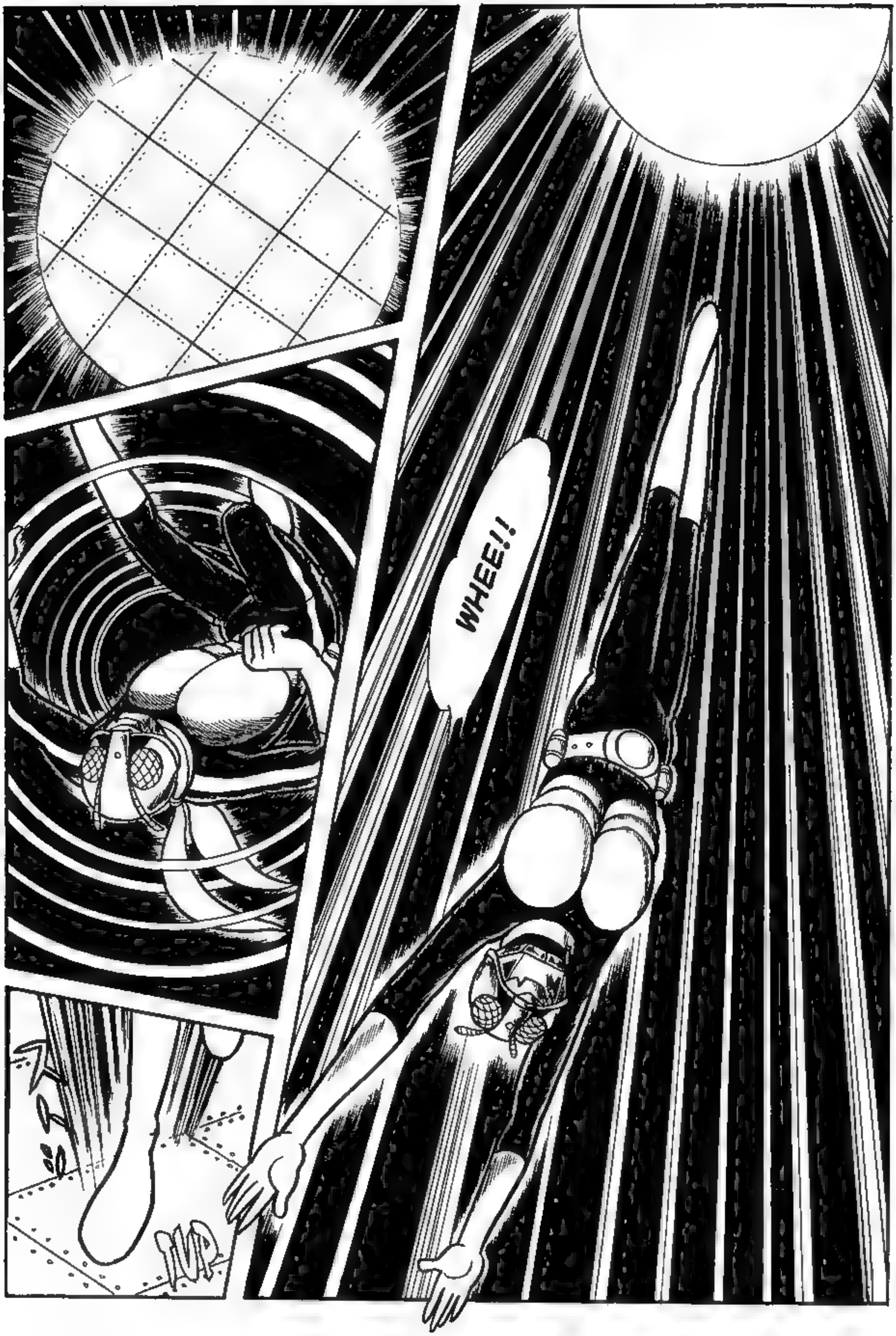
HEY!

LOOK!!

VENTI-LATION SHAFTS!

I'M GOING IN!!

THE BASE MUST BE DOWN THERE!


WHEE!!

PAY ATTENTION!!
WOW!
UGH!!

IT'S A SEA ANEM- ...

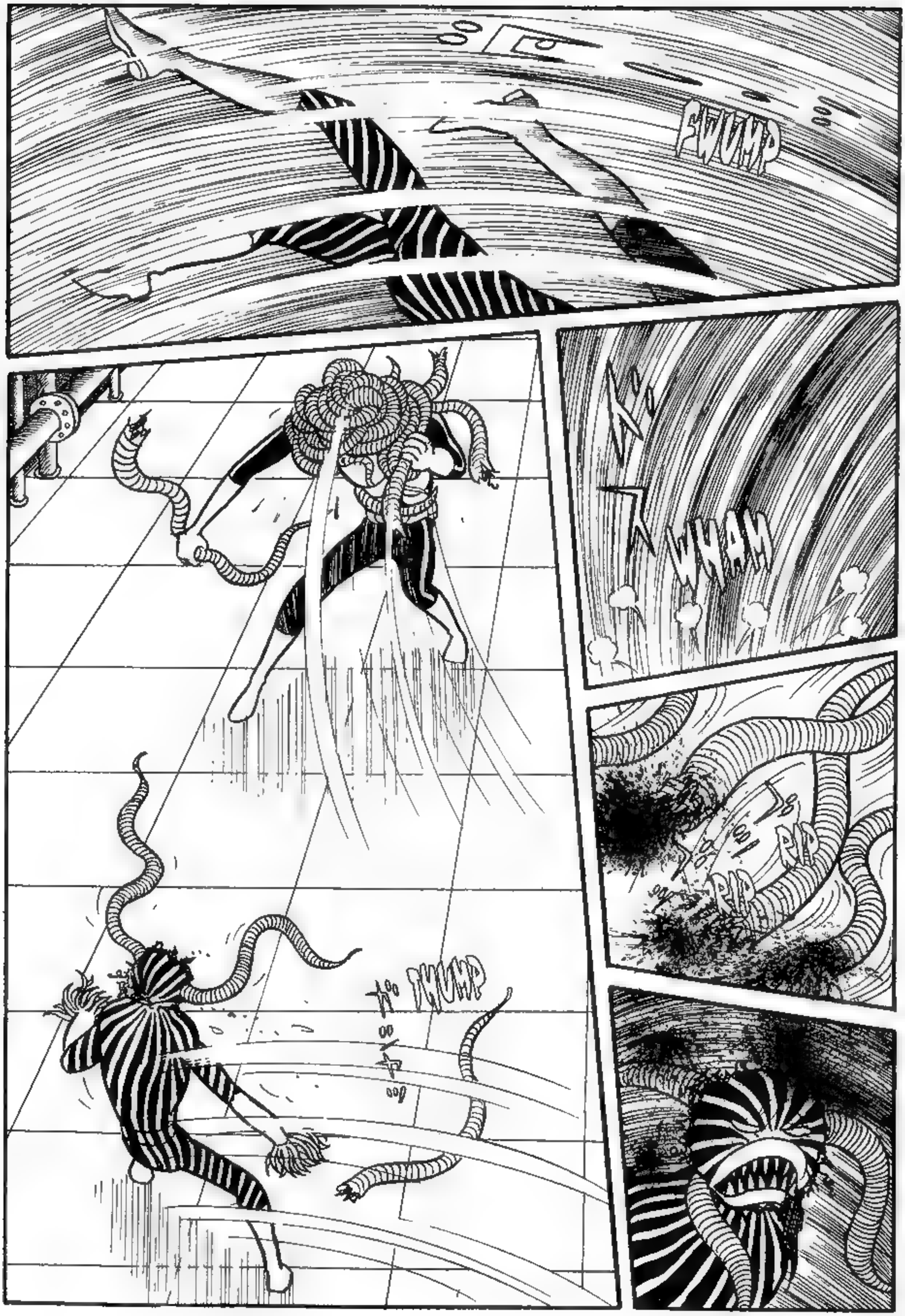
MMPH!

WUMP

HERE, HAVE ONE MORE !!!

SQUEE!!

WUMP


FWUMP
WHAM
PIP
PIP
PIP

SPRR!

SPRR!

THAT WAS... GROSS!

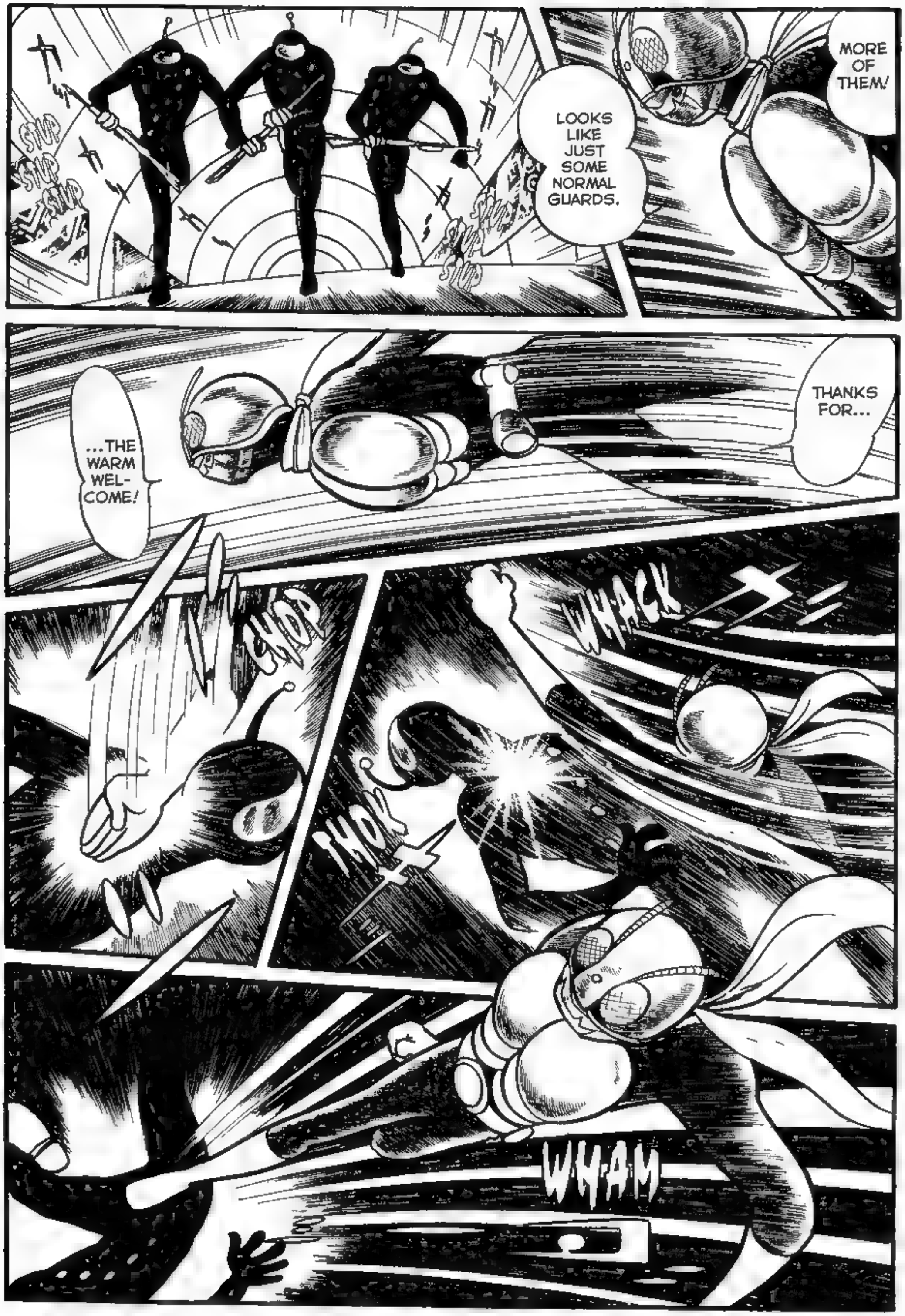
CRASH

SWISH

SLUP SLUP SLUP

WAIT...!

HE TRIED TO CHEW THROUGH MY SHOULDER!


STOP
STOP
STOP
LOOKS LIKE JUST SOME NORMAL GUARDS.
MORE OF THEM!
...THE WARM WEL-COME!
THANKS FOR...
WHAM

CRASH

WOOP WOOP WOOP

WOOP WOOP WOOP

DASH

SKRAW!!

IS THIS THE CENTRAL CONTROL ROOM!?

THERE YOU ARE!

DASH

NO!!
IT'S KAMEN RIDER !!
SKRAW!!

I ALSO HAPPEN TO BE THE DESTROYER OF GUYS LIKE YOU...

ANYONE WHO TRIES TO FURTHER THE EVIL AND TWISTED AMBITIONS OF SHOCKER!!

THE MESSENGER OF NATURE, AND HERO OF JUSTICE...

KAMEN RIDER!!

YEAH, BABY!

IT'S ME!!

COME!

I WILL SILENCE YOU FOR GOOD!!

YOU TRAITOROUS WORM!

IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT A GRASSHOPPER WOULD MAKE SO MUCH NOISE!

I THINK YOU'D SERVE THE WORLD BETTER AS TEMPURA!!

EASIER SAID THAN DONE, MY MONSTROUS SHRIMP FRIEND! YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK?

EH !?

THOCK

GAH!!

PWP

SPOO

SNAP

SNAP

SNAP

HERE, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A TURN WITH THE BUBBLES?

GOOD-NESS KNOWS YOU COULD USE A BATH!

HKK! ACK! HK!

YOU IDIOT !!

YOU GUYS STINK !!

SKRAW ?

HK!

HUK!

CRASH

UH... I WAS JUST JOKING ABOUT THE TEMPURA THING, YOU KNOW...

SKRUK

CRAB MAN! HIT THE SELF-DESTRUCT SWITCH!!

GOD SHOCKER SPEAKS!!

IS THAT YOUR BOSS !?

HUH!?

GOD... SHOCKER... !?

WHERE'S THE SWITCH !?

UH...

SELF-DESTRUC-TING SOUNDS BAD!

YOU MUST DESTROY BASE 104, WITH KAMEN RIDER IN IT!!

.....

BUT WE'RE JUST GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER! BESIDES, HOW IS OL' CRABBY SUPPOSED TO PRESS A SWITCH WHEN HE HAS NO ARMS!?

WHAT!?

GET OUT OF THERE, HAYATO!!

YOU'RE GETTING TOO COCKY!

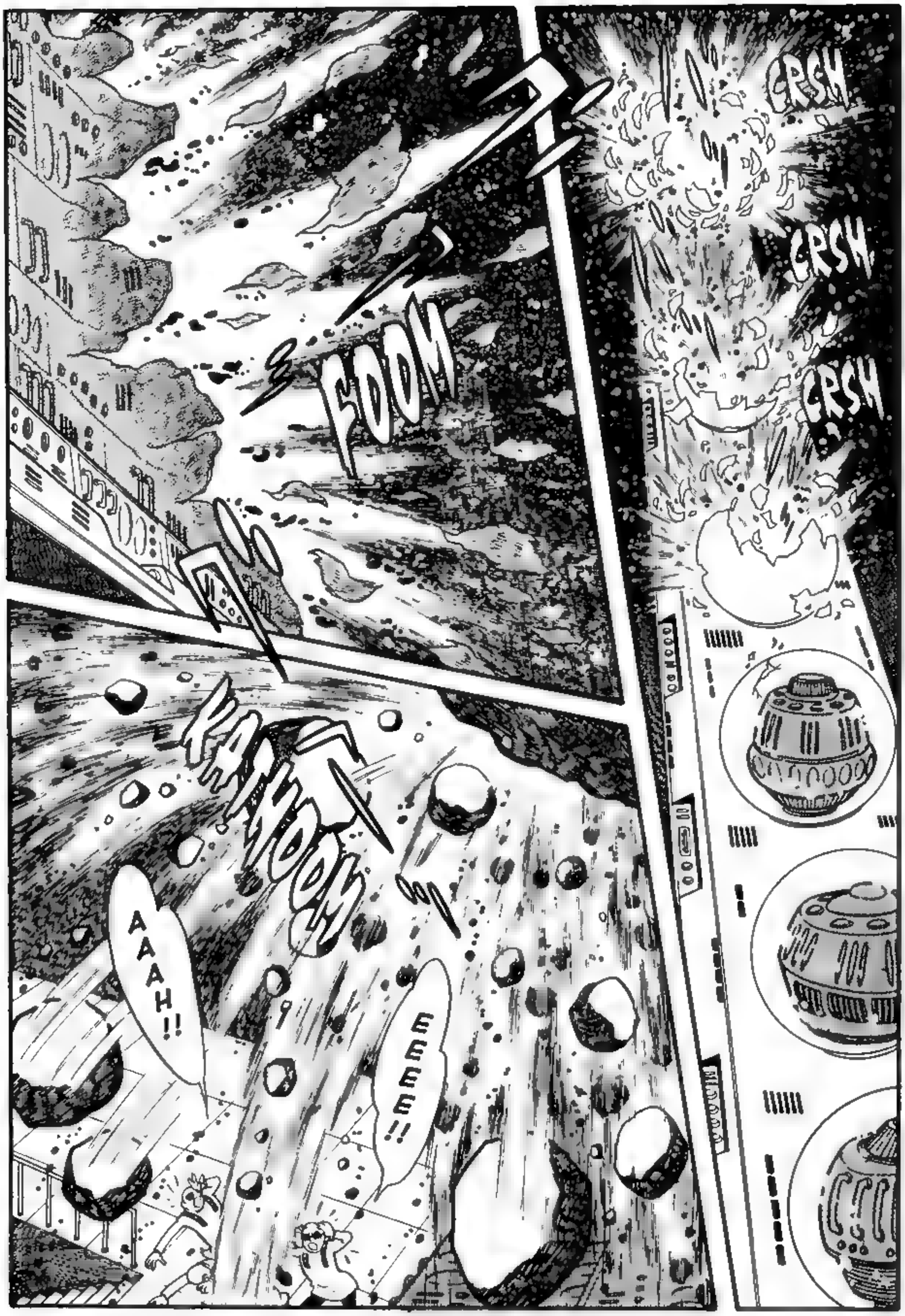
YOU NEED TO BE MORE CAUTIOUS!!

HUH !?

SHOOM!

SHOOM!

KRRSH
CRASH
DAMNIT!!
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN THE SWITCH!!


CRSH
CRSH
CRSH
FOOM
KABOOM
AAAH!!
EEEEE!!

OH...
!!

ドシ ドシ ドシ ドシ WOOSH

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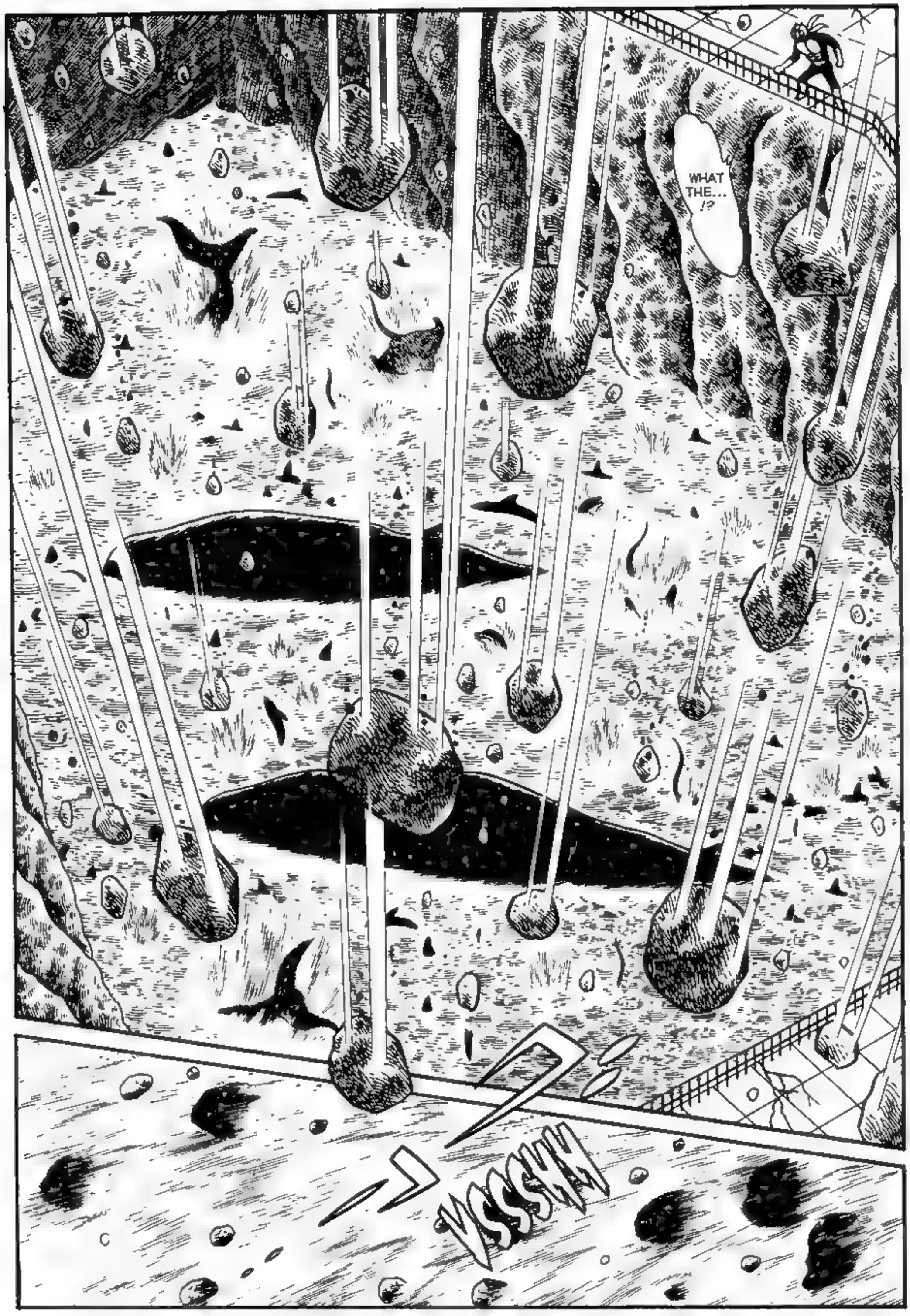
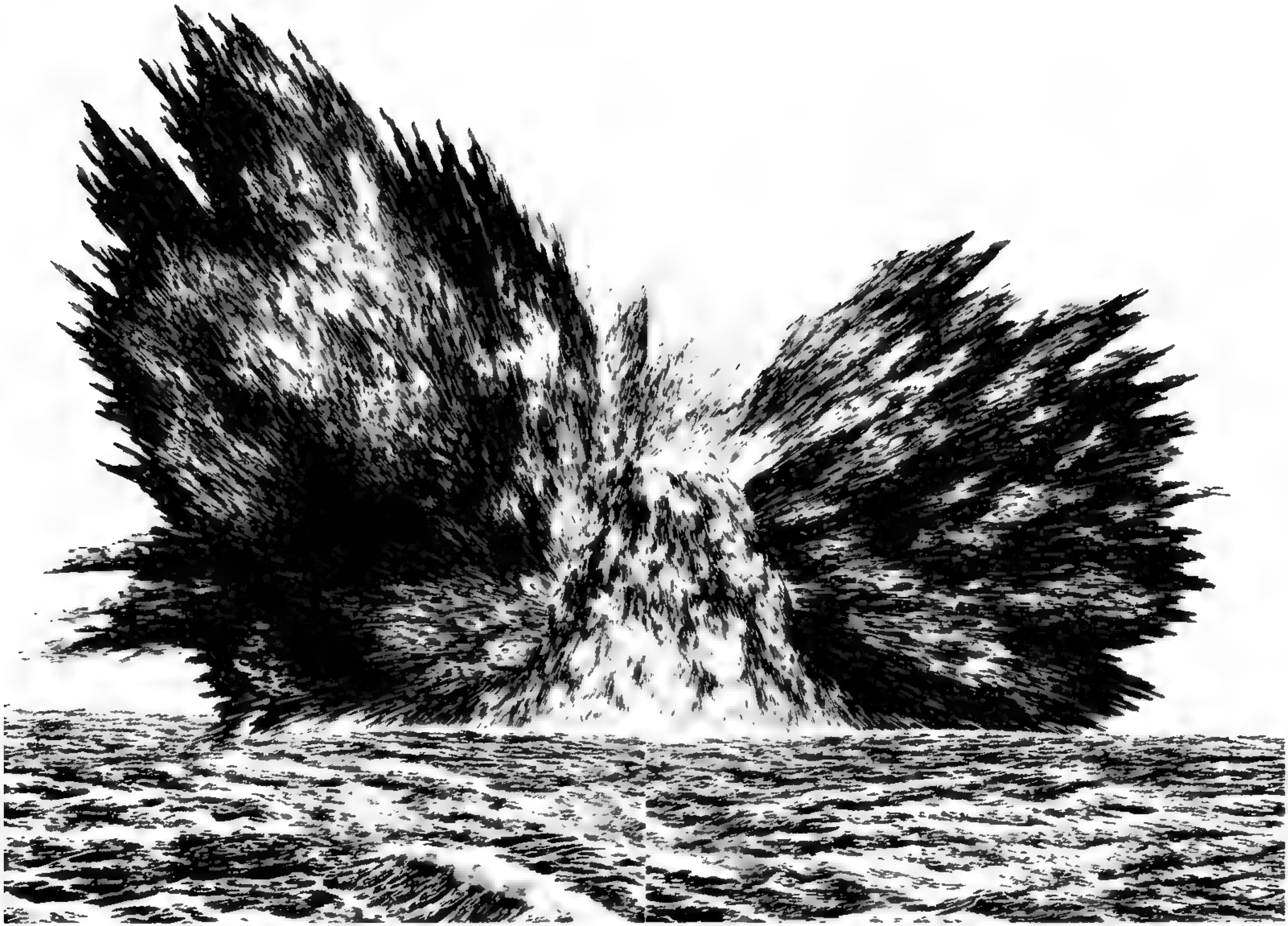
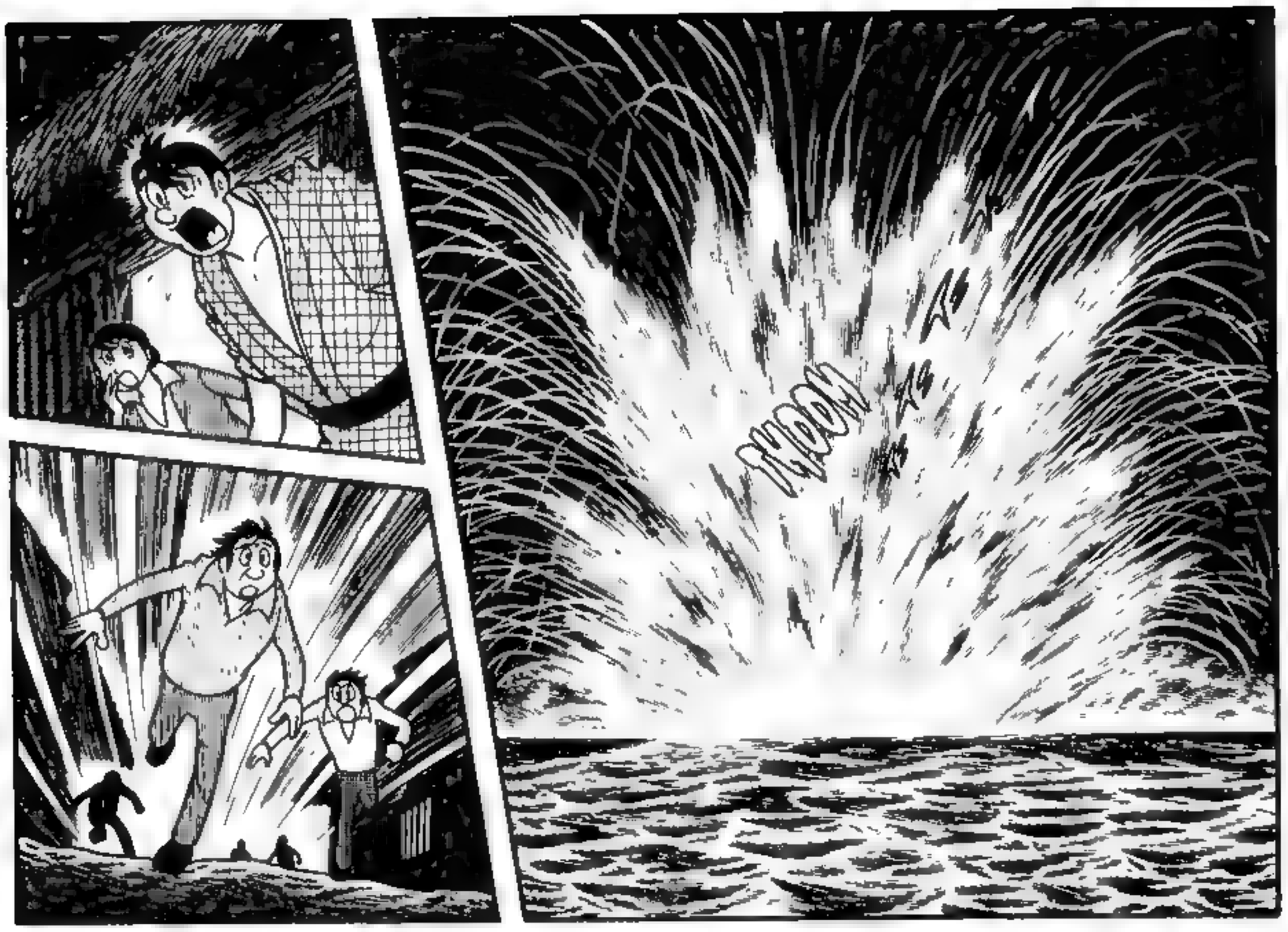
生物兵器実験室

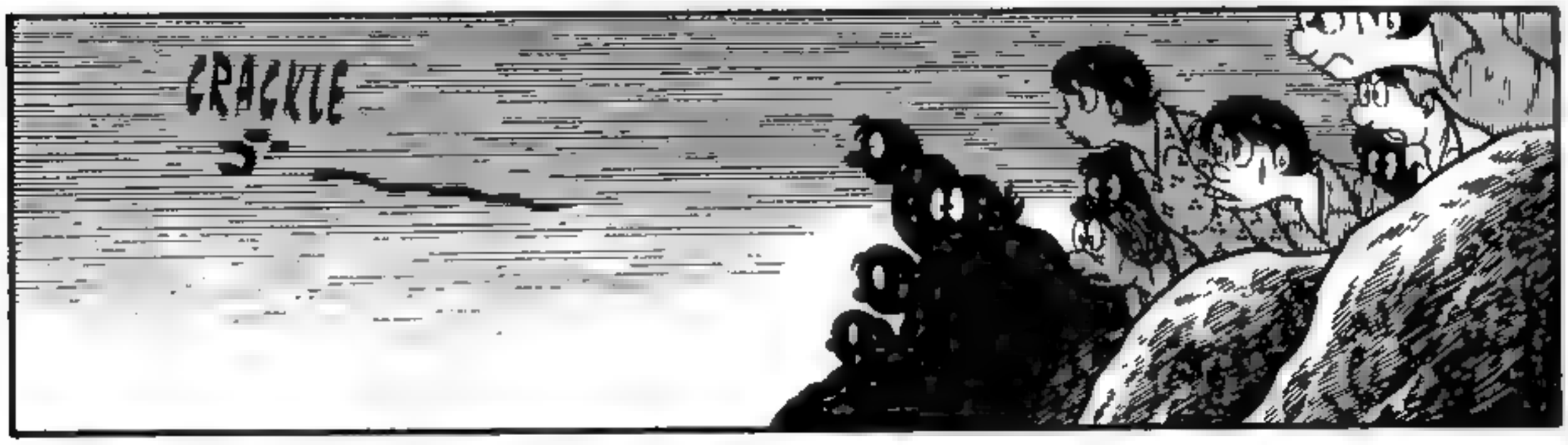
*ANIMAL WEAPONS LABORATORY


WHAT THE... !?
WSSSH

WAAAAAH!!
SSOOTTOO
ドドド



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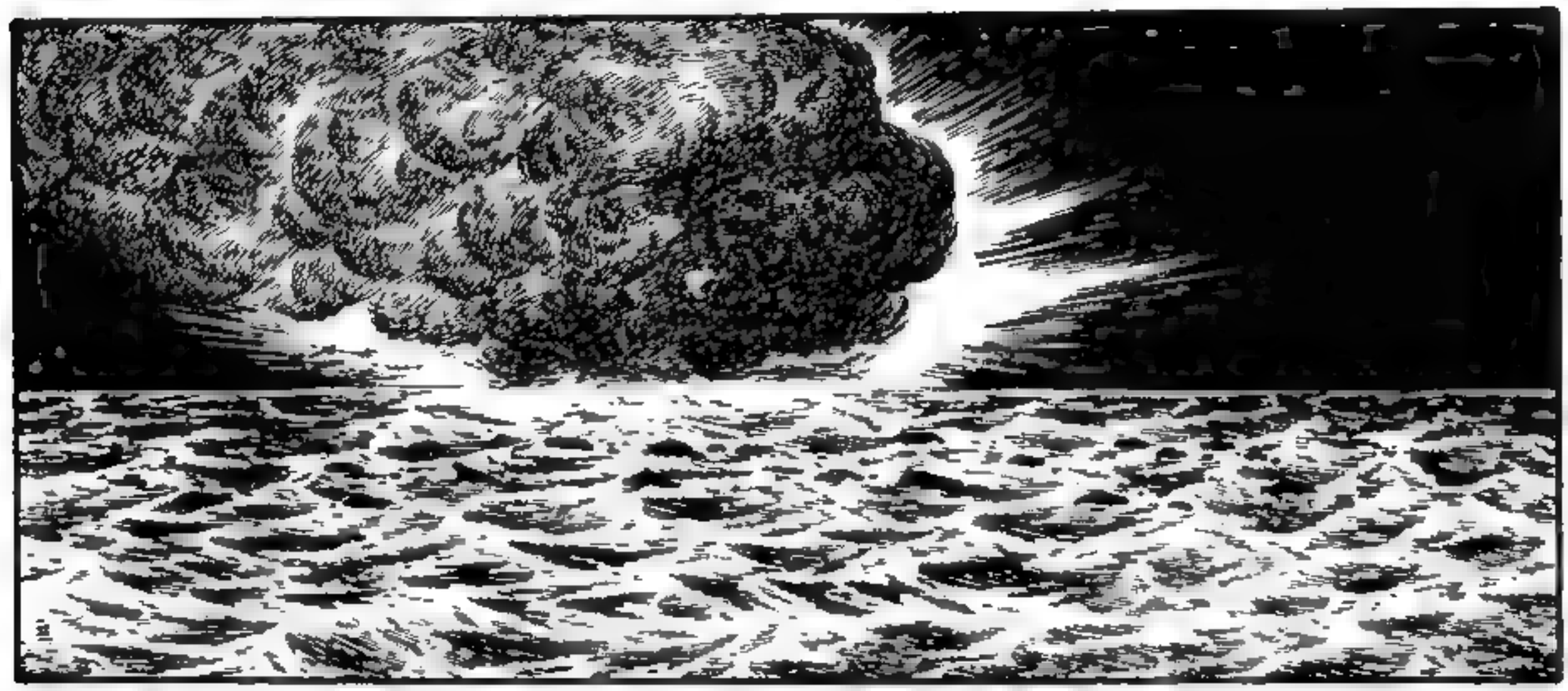
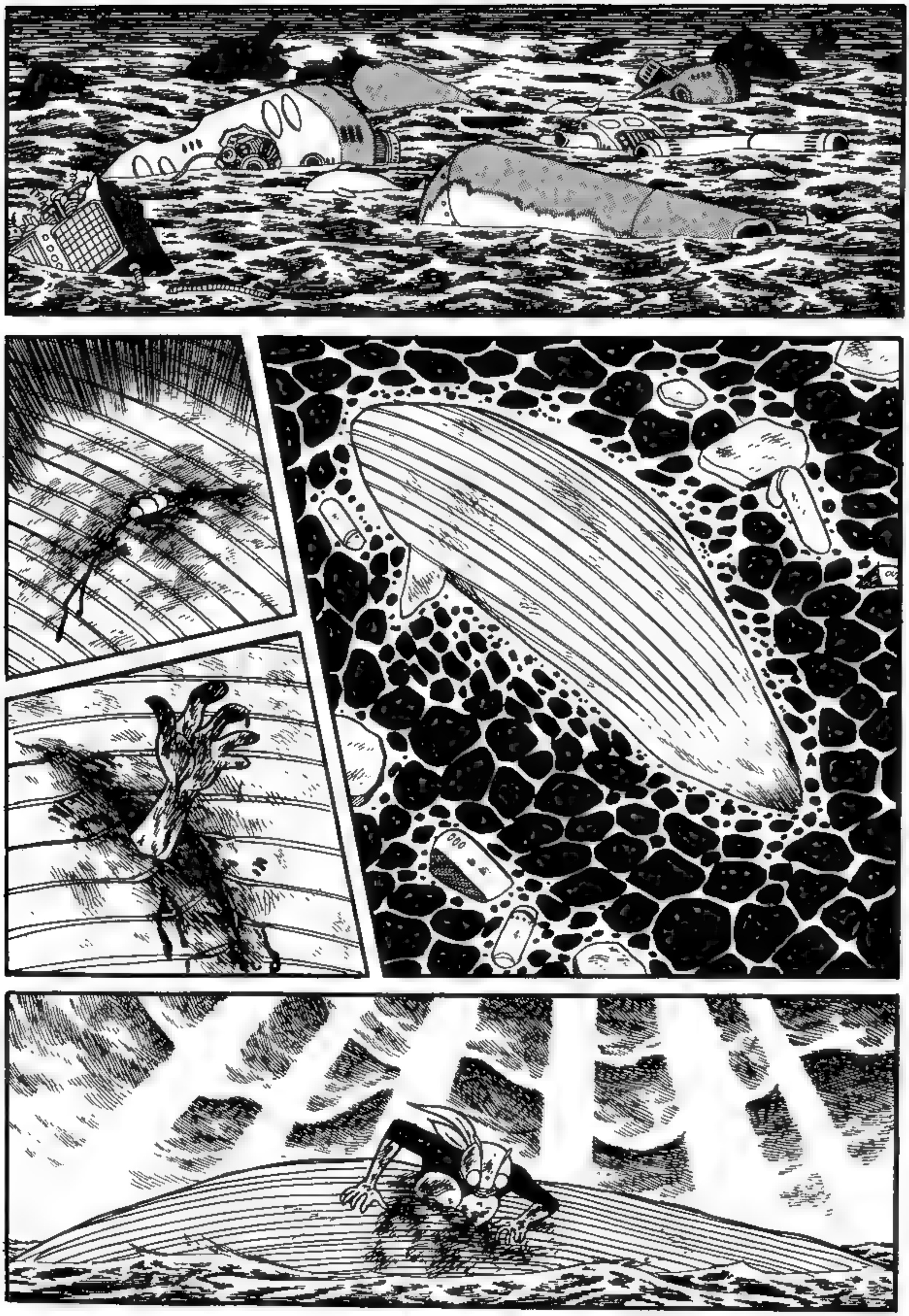
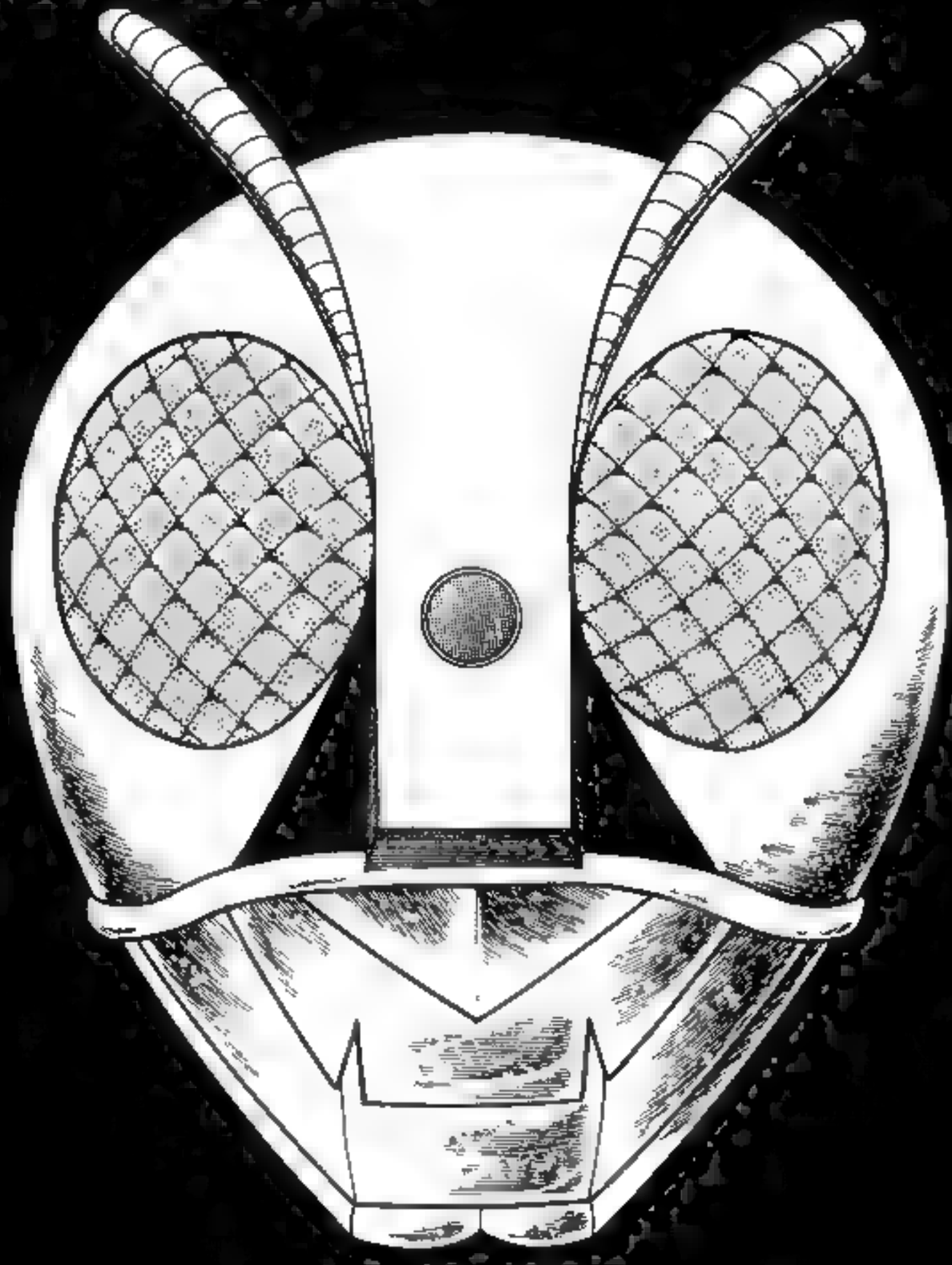


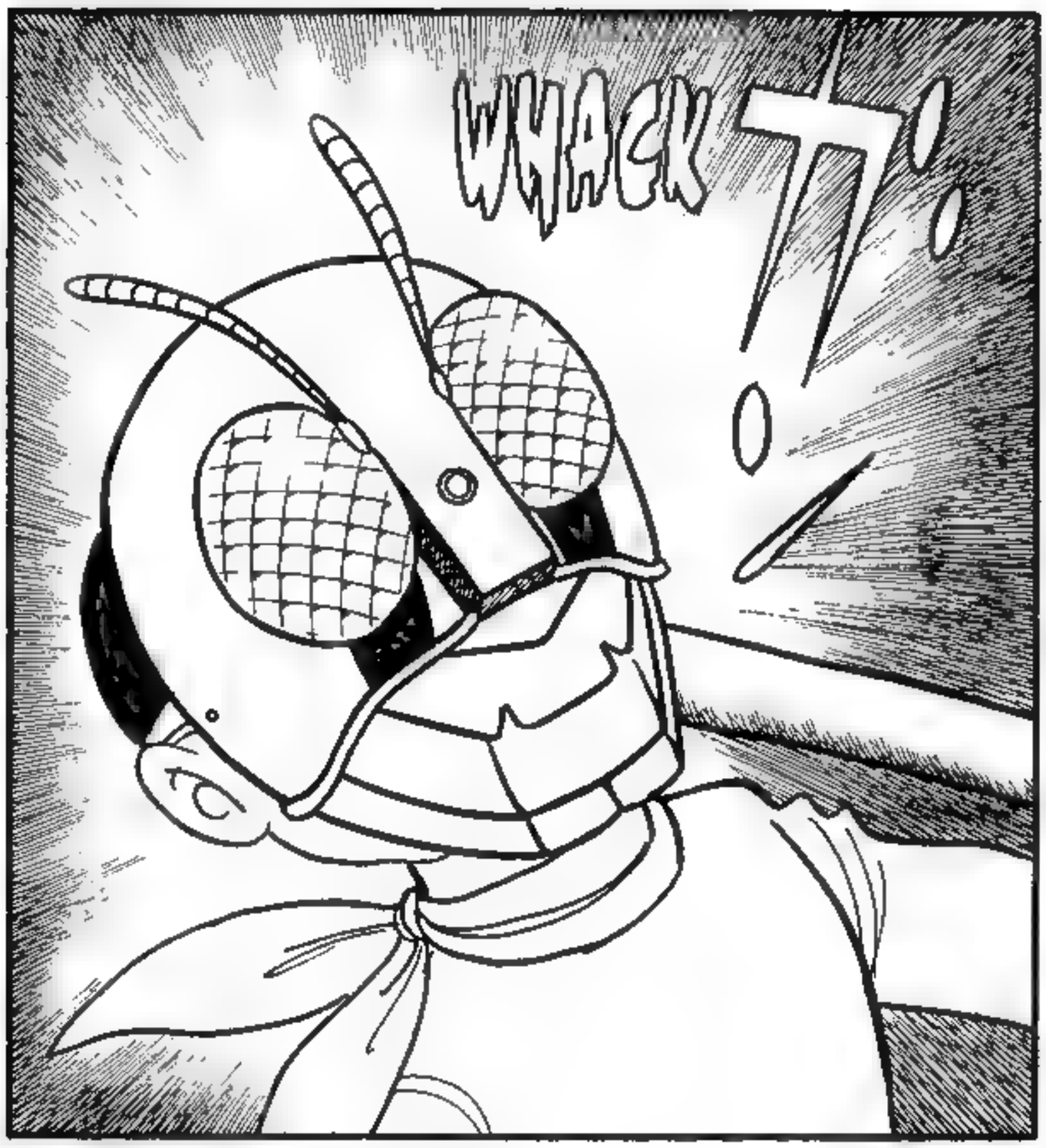


PART 6

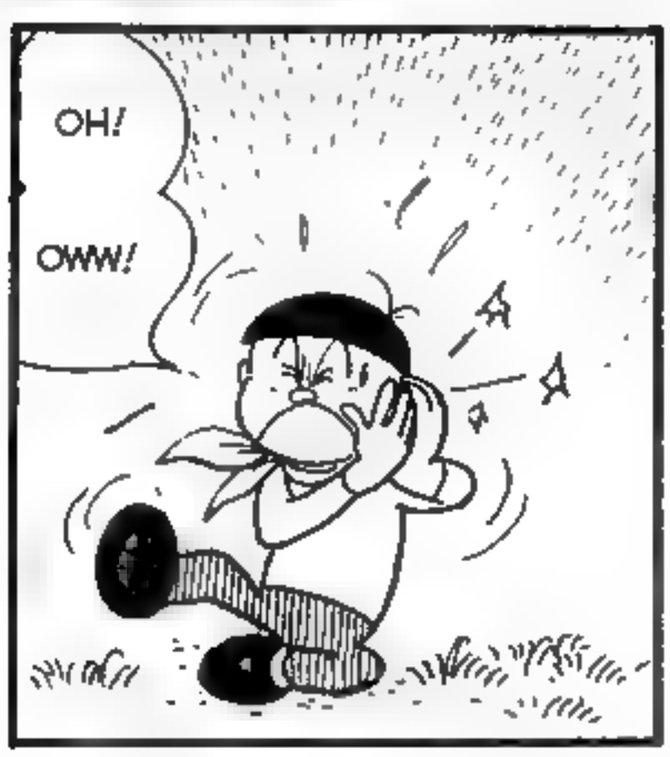
仮面の世界（マスカー ワールド）

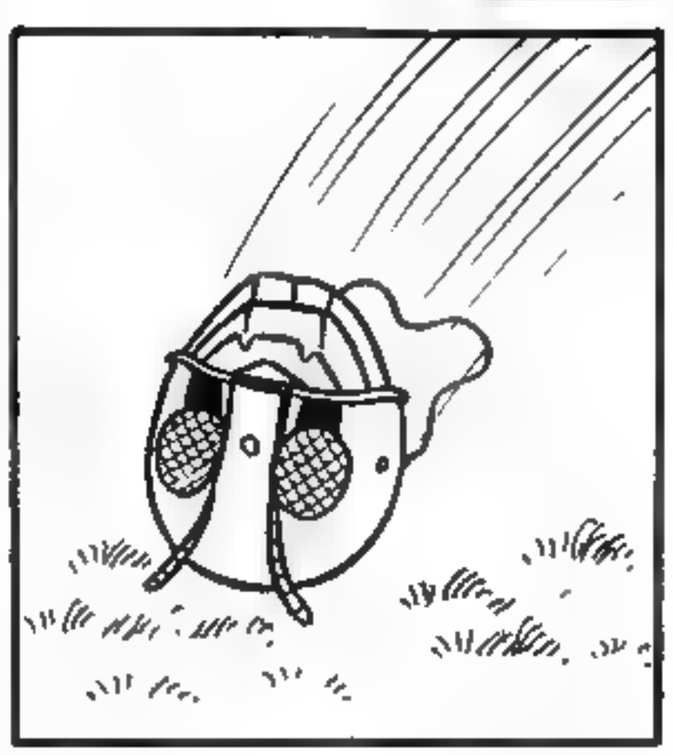
A MASKED WORLD





"EVERY HUMAN BEING WEARS A MASK, WHICH HIDES THEIR TRUE FACE."





I KNOW, I KNOW... I'LL MAKE SURE I LOSE NEXT TIME.

BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME!

I'M KAMEN RIDER, THE HERO OF JUSTICE!

IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT!

OOPS !!

IF KAMEN RIDER EVER REALLY LOST, THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD BE IN TROUBLE!

NOW START RUNNING! VROOM VROOM!

YOU'D BETTER!

HEY, MISTER!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

YOU CAN'T SLEEP HERE...

RUN AWAY!!

GGG!

!

!

EEE!

MOMMY!!

IT'S A HEADLESS BODY!!

GGGGKKK!!

WE MUST NOT GIVE IN TO VIOLENCE.

JAPAN IS A NATION OF PEACE, AS STIPULATED IN THE CONSTITUTION.

WE WOULD NEVER IMPORT NUCLEAR WEAPONS!

THIS IS KIND OF BORING, ISN'T IT?

THEREFORE, CRITICISMS THAT WE HAVE BECOME MILITARISTIC ARE UNFOUNDED.

IN OTHER NEWS, THE HEADLESS REMAINS FOUND IN AN OPEN LOT NEAR SUZUMEGAOKA IN THE SETAGAYA DISTRICT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.

...THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH.

HM!?

SHOULD I CHANGE THE CHANNEL?

SURE...

IF YOU WANT.

.....

WHAT'S WRONG?

FROM THE CLOTHES HE WAS WEARING, AND CERTAIN IDENTIFYING FEATURES OF HIS BODY, OFFICIALS WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY HIM AS TAICHI YAMANAKA, AN EMPLOYEE OF HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS.

HUH?

NOTHING. I JUST HEARD THEM MENTION HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS, AND...

OH...

OH...

THAT'S WHERE MY SISTER WORKS, ISN'T IT?

FUCK

OOPS... THAT WAS CLOSE!

DON'T THEY HAVE ANY DECENT PROGRAMS ON!?

THAT STUFF DOESN'T BOTHER ME.

HAHA!

CLICK

CLICK

WHAT THE... !?

IT'S INAPPRO-PRIATE!

I'LL JUST TURN IT OFF!

WHAT !?

YOU'RE SO INNOCENT, HAYATO!

WHY YOU LITTLE... I'M WAY OLDER THAN YOU, YOU KNOW!

HEHE.

I SHOULD GET GOING...

ANY-WAY...

BUT...

I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU CRACKING JOKES AGAIN.

THAT MUST MEAN YOU'RE GETTING BETTER!

WHY DON'T YOU STAY A LITTLE LONGER?

I CAME HERE TO VISIT YOU AND MAKE SURE YOU'RE OKAY!

WHAT? OF COURSE NOT!

THAT'S WHO YOU REALLY CAME TO SEE, ISN'T IT?

HEH.

JUNKO WILL BE HOME SOON.

OH, HELLO HAYATO!

LOOK! THERE SHE IS!

HEHE!

I'M NOT A LITTLE KID ANYMORE, YOU KNOW!

YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ME!

WHEN DID YOU LEARN TO BE SUCH A...

HAYATO WAS JUST LEAVING.

AW, SHUCKS. IT'S NOTHING!

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING KOUJI COMPANY ALL THE TIME.

I REALLY DO NEED TO GET GOING, ANYHOW.

NO, PLEASE... I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE A BOTHER.

WHY DON'T YOU STAY FOR A CUP OF TEA?

WELL WE CAN'T HAVE THAT, CAN WE?

KOUJI...

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL?

I GUESS I WILL HAVE TO KEEP YOU ENTERTAINED UNTIL THE TEA'S READY!

HEHE!

HUH !?

BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT KAMEN RIDER?

YES...

UNFOR-TUNATELY...

HE'S THE HERO OF JUSTICE! HE FIGHTS AGAINST BAD GUYS.

HE'S REALLY POPULAR RIGHT NOW.

*MAGAZINE

.....

LOTS OF PEOPLE HAVE SEEN HIM!

NO! KAMEN RIDER IS REAL!

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A MANGA!

OH...

I WONDER WHO HE REALLY IS...

BUT... THEY DON'T KNOW HIS SECRET IDENTITY!

HAYATO!

WAIT! TAKE THIS...

A LETTER !?

IS JUNKO GIVING ME A LOVE LETTER...!?

I ALMOST FORGOT. THIS LETTER IS FOR YOU.

AWooo

HE ASKED ME TO GIVE IT TO YOU THE NEXT TIME I SAW YOU.

A STRANGER STOPPED ME ON THE WAY HOME AND HANDED IT TO ME.

HMM...

DEAR KAMEN RIDER
(HAYATO ICHIMONJI),

I HAVE SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SHOCKER. PLEASE MEET ME AT THE TOUEI MOTOCROSS TRAINING GROUNDS AT 9:00 TONIGHT.

X

TAKE CARE OF KOUJI...

I'LL VISIT AGAIN SOON.

THANK YOU.

GOOD BYE.

WHAT?

IS SOME-THING WRONG?

NO...

JUST A SILLY MESSAGE FROM A FRIEND OF MINE.

VRRRRRRRM

.....

DID THE PAIN COME BACK!?

!!

KOUJI!

OH!

UGH!

OOOOH!

BUT...

I...

UHHH... NO...

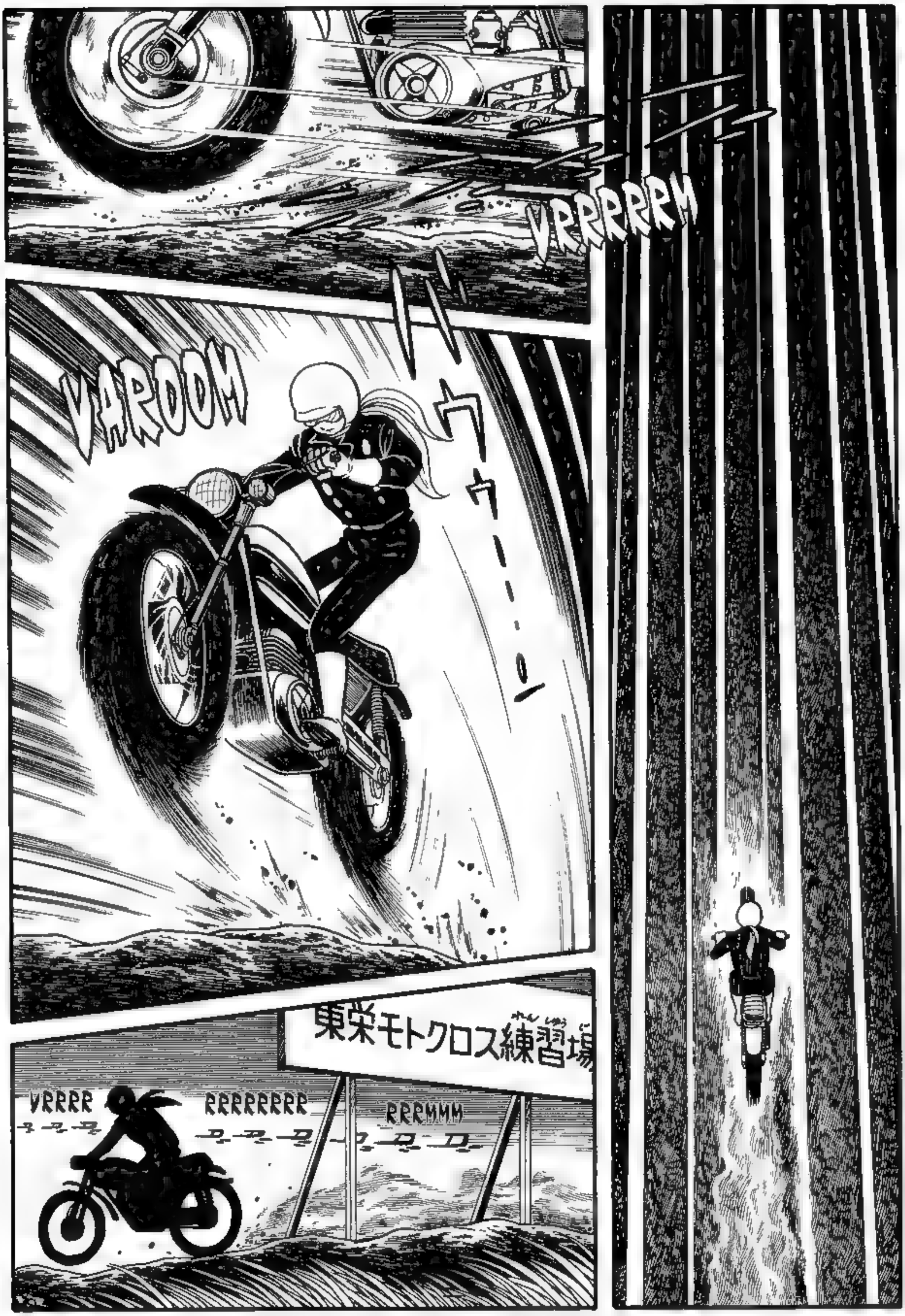
IT WAS HURTING THE WHOLE TIME...

KOUJI... !!

UGH!

I DON'T WANT HIM TO THINK I'M A WIMP!

I DIDN'T WANT HAYATO TO KNOW...



*TOUEI MOTOCROSS TRAINING GROUNDS

WHO IS THIS "X"?

AND HOW DO THEY KNOW THAT I'M KAMEN RIDER!?

WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION DO THEY HAVE ON SHOCKER?

COULD THIS BE A TRAP...?

HM !?

VRRRM

RRRR

VROOOM

VRRM

VRRRRS

WAS THE LETTER JUST A TRAP AFTER ALL?

WHO ARE THESE GUYS...?

VROOM

HUH !?

WOOOHOO!!

YEAH!!

VROOM
VROOM
VROOM
VROOM
VROOM
VROOM
OH!
HM...
I GUESS THEY WERE JUST SOME LOCAL KIDS OUT FOR A RIDE!
UH... OKAY...
VRRRM
VRRRM

HAYATO ...!

YES!

BE CAREFUL... I WAS FOLLOWED!

ANOTHER GIRL!?

THAT'S ME. ARE YOU...

...X?

GET DOWN!!

BLAM
AAAAH!!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
UGH!!
UK...
!!
...
PEW
PEW
PEW

NO... HAYATO... !!

WUMP

HEHE HE!

BUT...

...THAT WAS EASIER THAN I EXPECTED !

I WAS TOLD HE WOULD BE A TRICKY BASTARD TO TAKE DOWN...

YOU'RE NEXT, SWEETHEART.

YOU WANT ME TO SAY A PRAYER FOR YOU OR SOMETHING?

NOW...

THEN...

SAVE YOUR PRAYERS...

RUSTLE

HUH !?

BECAUSE I THINK..

YOU'LL NEED THEM FOR YOURSELF!!

OH!!

BLAM BLAM BLAM

SHH

SHH

THUD

GRIN

HAYATO ICHIMONJI !!

THAT'S ME!

THE HERO OF JUSTICE...

KAMEN RIDER!

WHAT ABOUT... HIM!?

OH... BUT...

SO I CAME PREPARED, JUST IN CASE THIS WAS A TRAP.

HAH! I COULDN'T BE SURE THAT "X" WOULD REALLY TURN OUT TO BE AN ALLY...

YOU MEAN THESE EMPTY CLOTHES?

.....

ANYWAY, WHERE WERE WE...?

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY, RIGHT?

I'M BULLET-PROOF AS LONG AS I'M WEARING MY "SECOND SKIN."

AIIIEE!!!

IS IT TOO MUCH TO ASK THAT A HERO OF JUSTICE GET A NICE ROMANTIC MOMENT ONCE IN A WHILE!?

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!

WELL, I...

WE CAN SHARE A WONDERFULLY ROMANTIC MOMENT TOGETHER WHILE YOU TELL ME WHATEVER IT IS YOU WANTED TO TELL ME.

WHY DON'T WE SIT DOWN RIGHT HERE AND ADMIRE THE MOON AS IT PEERS OUT FROM BEHIND THE THICK SMOG...

AAA AIIE!

HEHE HEH...

AAA AIIE!

HEHE HEH...

CAN'T YOU TELL?

WHATCHA DOIN'?

KAMEN RIDER!?

I'M THE HERO OF JUSTICE!

HEY! WHO'RE YOU!?

THAT'S RIGHT!!

FUCK

YOU STUCK YOUR NOSE WHERE IT DON'T BELONG! LET'S GET HIM!!

THIS AIN'T SOME KID'S MANGA!!

WHY YOU...!

GAH!

SPUSH

SPUSH

YOU'RE RIGHT!

BONK

THIS SORT OF THING REALLY ISN'T...
... PART OF MY JOB DESCRIPTION.
SLAP
THERE'S A GOOD LAD!
WE'RE SORRY!
WE'LL LEAVE NOW!!
VRRM
VRRM
VRRM
AND...
AS FOR YOU, YOUNG LADY...!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE OUT ALONE THIS LATE!

WHAT?

JUST BECAUSE YOU SAVED ME FROM THOSE CREEPS DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT!

YOU'RE JUST ASKING FOR TROUBLE! WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME AND HAVE A NICE GLASS OF MILK BEFORE BEDTIME?

A PRETTY GIRL LIKE YOU, WANDERING AROUND BY YOURSELF...

AS IF YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, DRESSED UP IN A SILLY COSTUME LIKE THAT!

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS WHAT I DO!

I'M TIRED OF PEOPLE TELLING ME WHAT TO DO!!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD GET HOME...

VROOM

MAYBE I WON'T SAVE YOU NEXT TIME!!

YOU SNOBBY BITCH!

ARG!!

VRRR

BUT YOU'RE NOT LIKE THAT... ARE YOU?

ER...

HEH...

.....

YOUNG PEOPLE THESE DAYS... I SWEAR!

DID YOU SEE THAT !?

I'M A MEMBER OF SHOCKER...!

ACTUALLY, I...

WRAP

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*ICHIMONJI

THEY DEAL IN CORRUPTION, POLLUTION, LYING POLITICIANS... THE WORKS.

WE WERE TOLD...

...THAT HUMAN GREED WAS THE SOURCE OF ALL OF THOSE PROBLEMS.

...THAT WAS TRYING TO MAKE THIS CHAOTIC WORLD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

ALL I WAS TOLD ABOUT SHOCKER IS THAT IT WAS A REVOLUTIONARY COMPANY...

AT FIRST, I DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT KIND OF COMPANY I WAS WORKING FOR.

A REVOLU-TIONARY COMPANY, HUH?

HMPH... I SUPPOSE THEY ARE, IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING.

HMPF!

PEACE!?

LAWFUL!?

WE COULD BUILD A LAWFUL, PEACEFUL WORLD FOR EVERYONE... OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THEY TOLD US.

IF WE COULD JUST GET RID OF GREED AND AMBITION ...

THAT'S WHAT SHOCKER IS TRYING TO CREATE! IF THEY DIDN'T SEND SOMEONE ELSE AFTER YOU, THAT COULD MEAN THAT THEIR BASE IS CLOSE TO YOUR LOCATION.

BUT IT'S STILL BETTER THAN THE WORLD OF HUMAN ROBOTS THAT HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACT NICE AND FOLLOW ORDERS...

IT'S TRUE THAT SOCIETY HAS LOST ITS WAY, AND THINGS ARE A BIT OF A MESS RIGHT NOW...

THAT'S THE PLAN THEY ARE GOING TO SET INTO MOTION HERE IN JAPAN...

IT'S ALREADY IN STANDBY STATUS!

YES, THAT'S IT!

THE HUMAN ROBOTS !!

HOW!?

WHERE!?

WHEN!?

WHAT !?

I HEARD THE NAME "OCTOBER PROJECT" BEING MENTIONED MORE THAN A FEW TIMES.

I WASN'T TOLD ANY DETAILS, BUT...

I... I DON'T KNOW...

HUH?

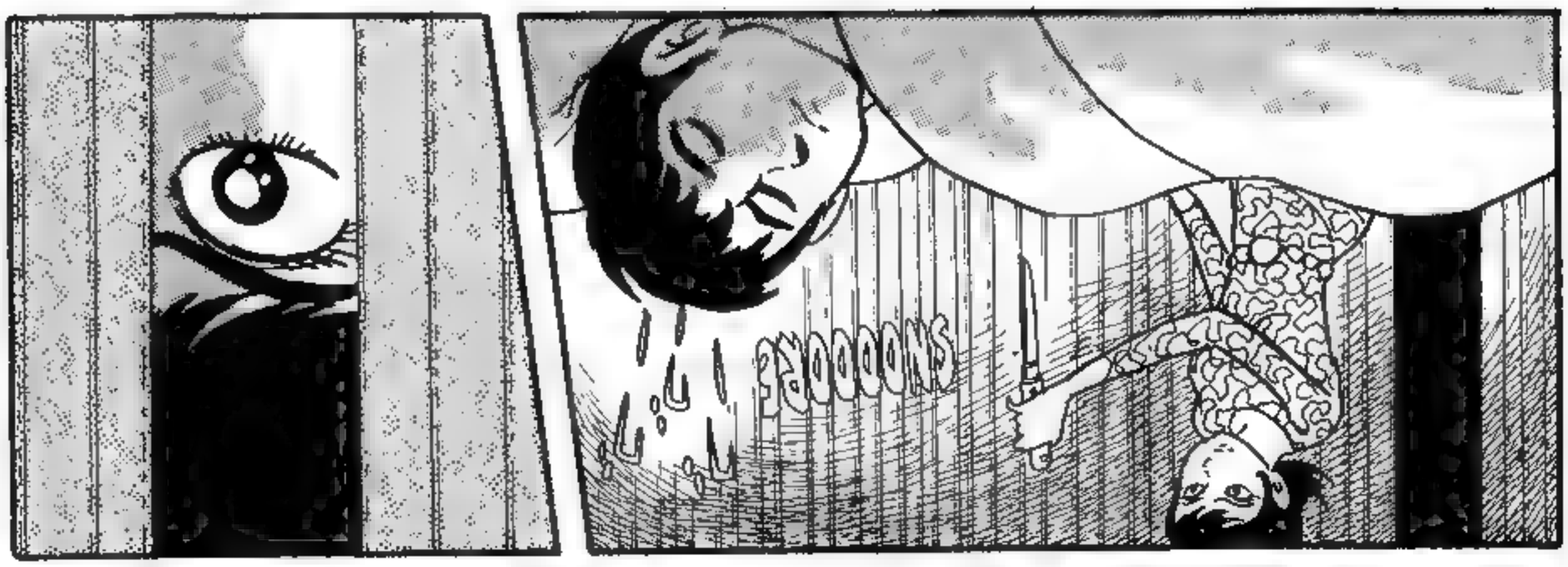
"OCTOBER PROJECT" !?

.....

I RAN AWAY FROM THEM, AND DECIDED TO SEEK YOU OUT. EVERYONE AT SHOCKER CALLED YOU A "TRAITOR," SO I GUESS I WAS HOPING YOU WOULD HELP ME.

YES. I...

I JUST GOT SO SCARED...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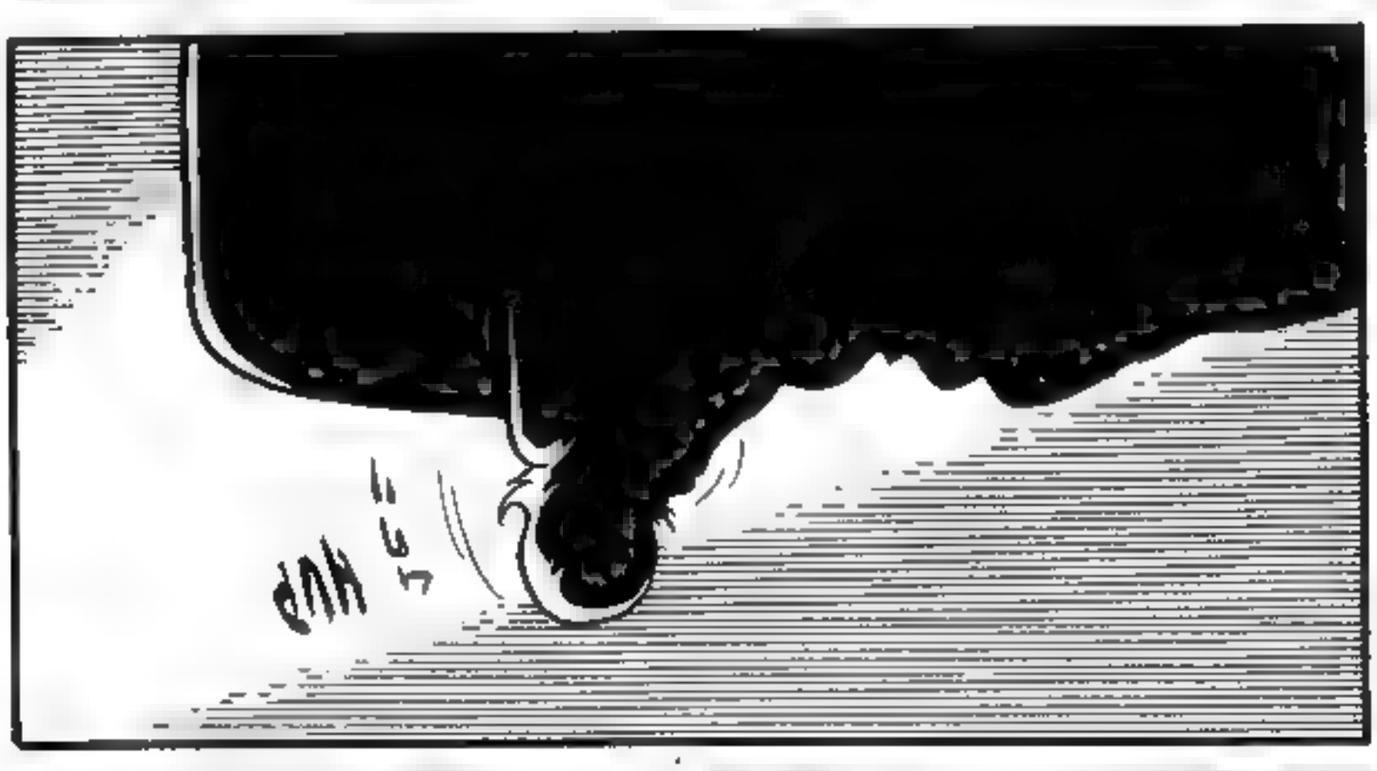
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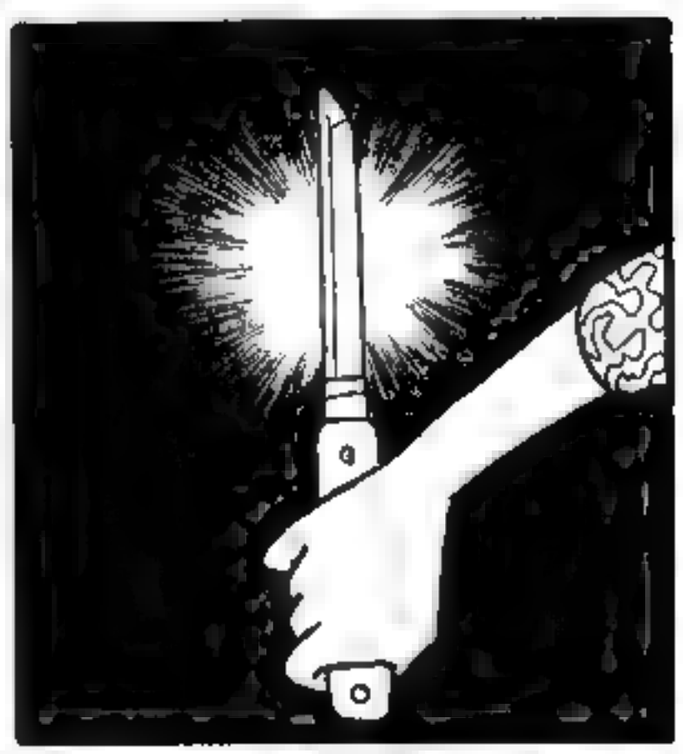
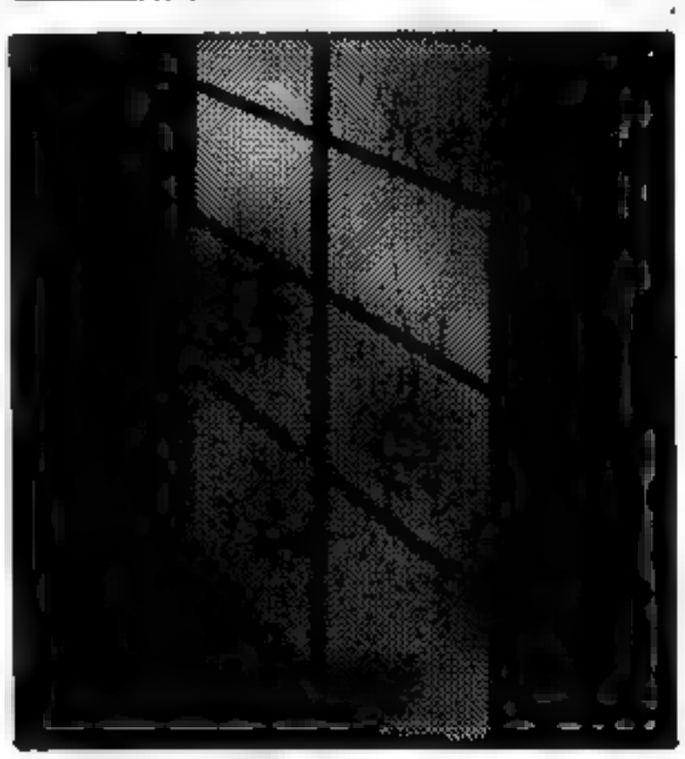
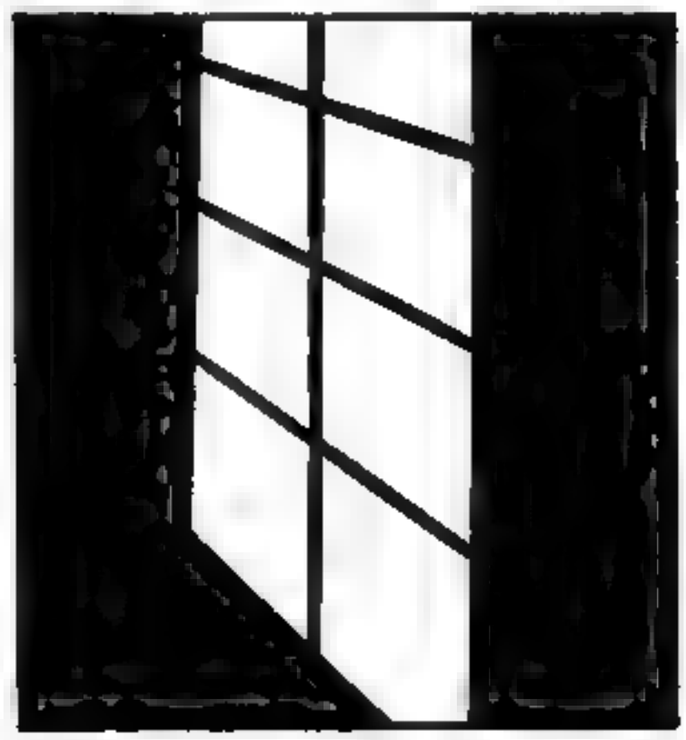
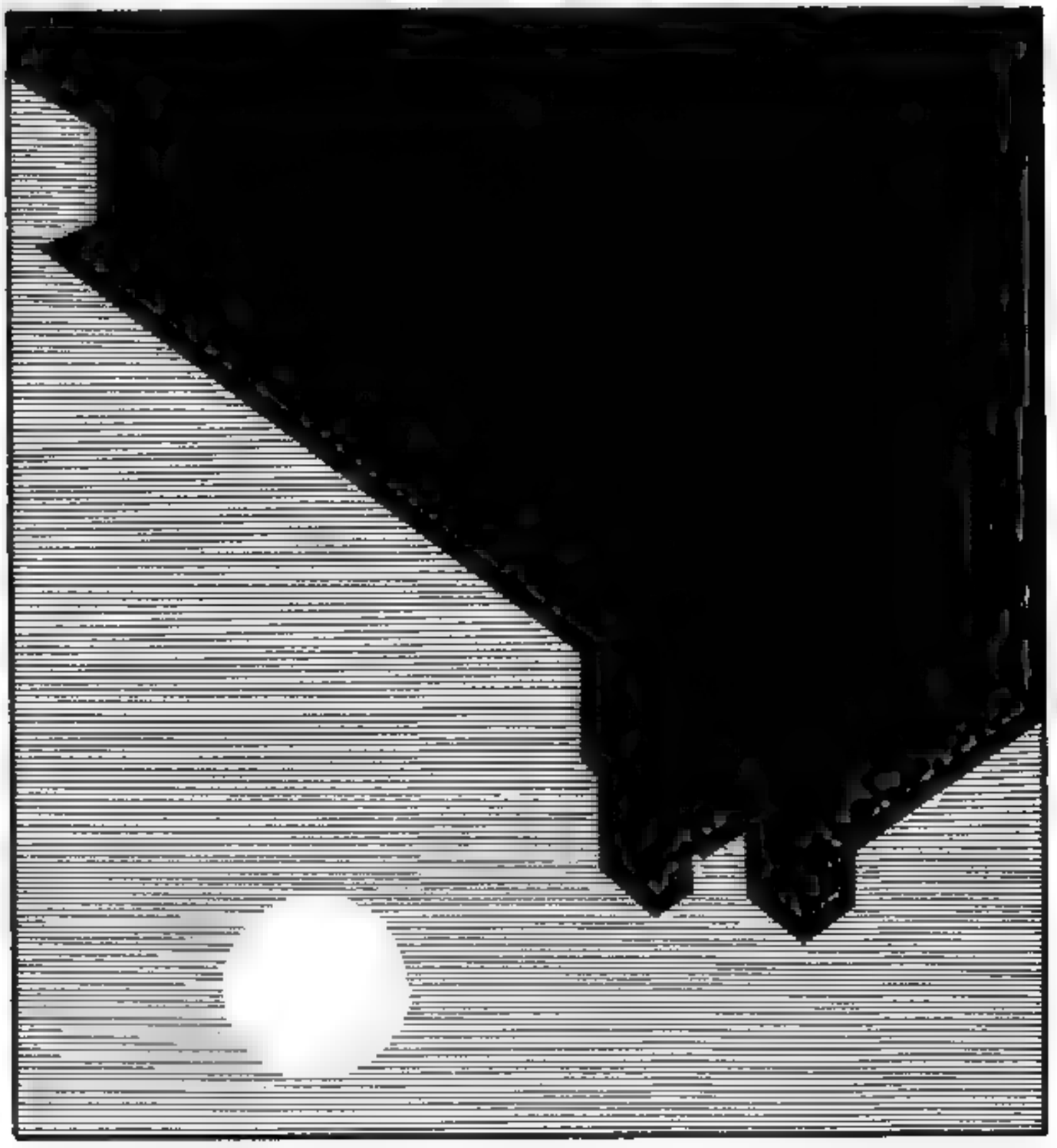








SWACK

SHINK

GIVING UP THE CHARADE ALREADY, ARE WE!?

I KNEW IT WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE! I DIDN'T TRUST YOU FOR A SECOND!

AGH!

SHRIP

SHRIP

OF COURSE...

I DIDN'T EVEN BELIEVE THAT YOU WERE A WOMAN AT ALL!

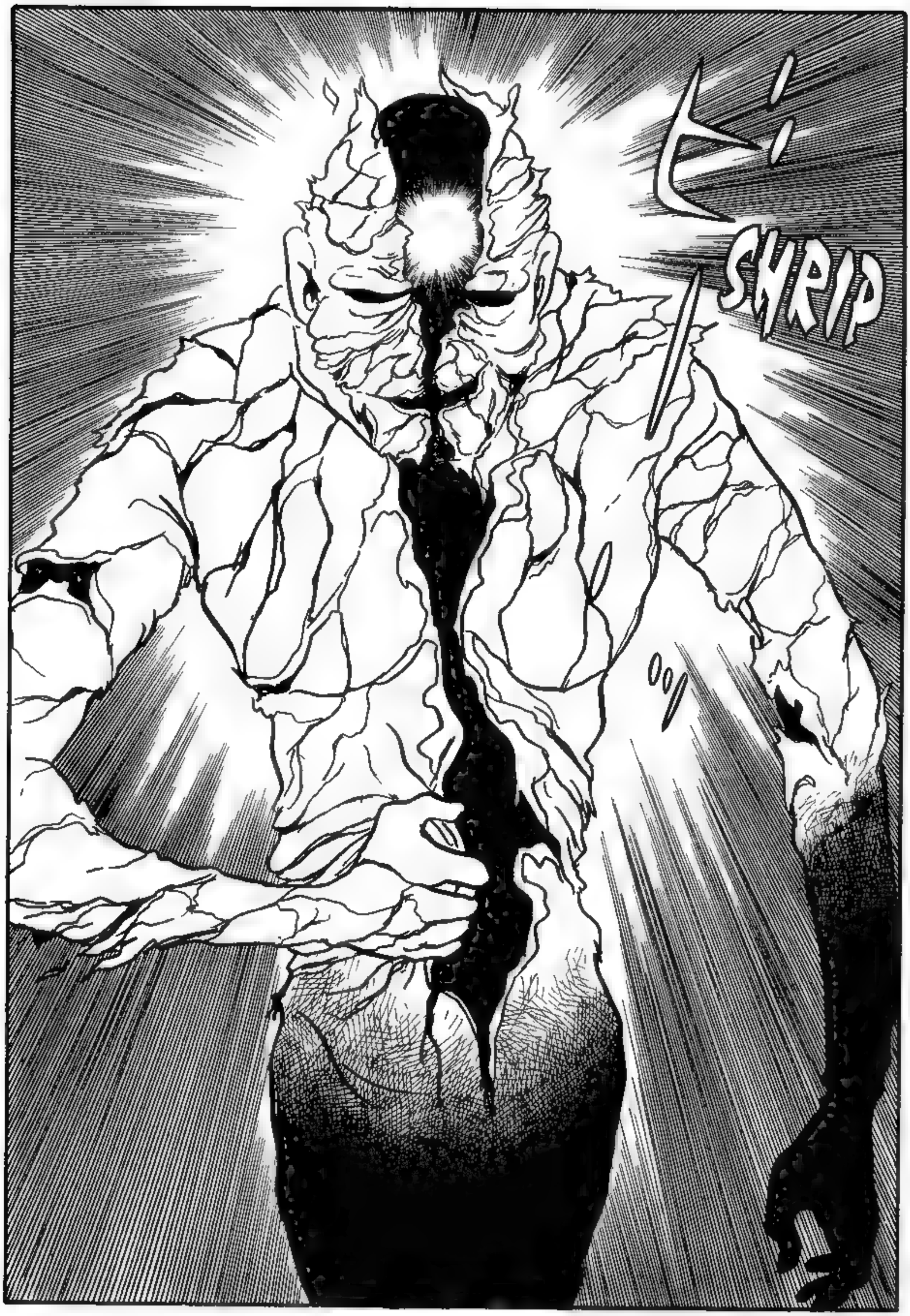
SHRIP

HUH !?

TO BE HONEST, YOU PROBABLY SHOULDN'T BELIEVE THAT I'M A "MAN," EITHER...

CRACK

CRACK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FWOOM

CAAVIT

MY
MASK
HUHH?
HUH?
WITHOUT YOUR MASK, YOU'RE JUST HAYATO ICHIMONJI!
NOT SO FAST!
FLAP FLAP
FLAP FLAP

UH...

GRRR...!!

SLEEP!

HEH HEH.

GIVE YOURSELF UP TO THE HEAVY EMBRACE OF SLEEP!

ENJOY A DEEP, DREAMLESS SLEEP...

THE SLEEP OF DEATH!

.....

HEH...

HAHA HAW HAW HAW HAW!

NOT THAT I EXPECTED HIM TO RESIST THE EFFECTS OF MY SLEEP POWDER!

IT SEEMS HE'S REALLY ASLEEP THIS TIME.

GOOD...

THOK

HEHE.

NOW...

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH THE TRAITOR...?

MY ENHANCED SLEEP POWDER IS STRONG ENOUGH TO KNOCK AN ELEPHANT OUT WITH JUST ONE FLAP OF MY WINGS!

HE'LL BE ASLEEP FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT 24 HOURS... THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH.

NO, WAIT...

VROOO!

VROOOT

BUT PERHAPS I SHOULD JUST END YOU HERE, TO ENSURE THAT YOU NEVER TROUBLE US AGAIN!

I CAN THINK OF DOZENS OF WAYS TO KILL YOU...

NO DOUBT I WOULD BE PRAISED AND WELL REWARDED!

THE SCIENTISTS BACK AT SHOCKER HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT A LACK OF RESOURCES FOR THEIR CYBORG EXPERIMENTS...

WHAT IF I WERE TO BRING HIM BACK TO THEM?

BONK

HEHE HEH HEHE HE...

HEHE HEH HE...

ER... !?

OOF!

THUP

STOP!

STOP, I SAY!!

HEY!

STOP!

THIEF!!

HUH!?

VRRRRM

VRRRRM

VRRR

VRRRRRM

GO!

GET OUT OF MY WAY!

OR ELSE I'LL...

VRRM

VRRM

VRRM

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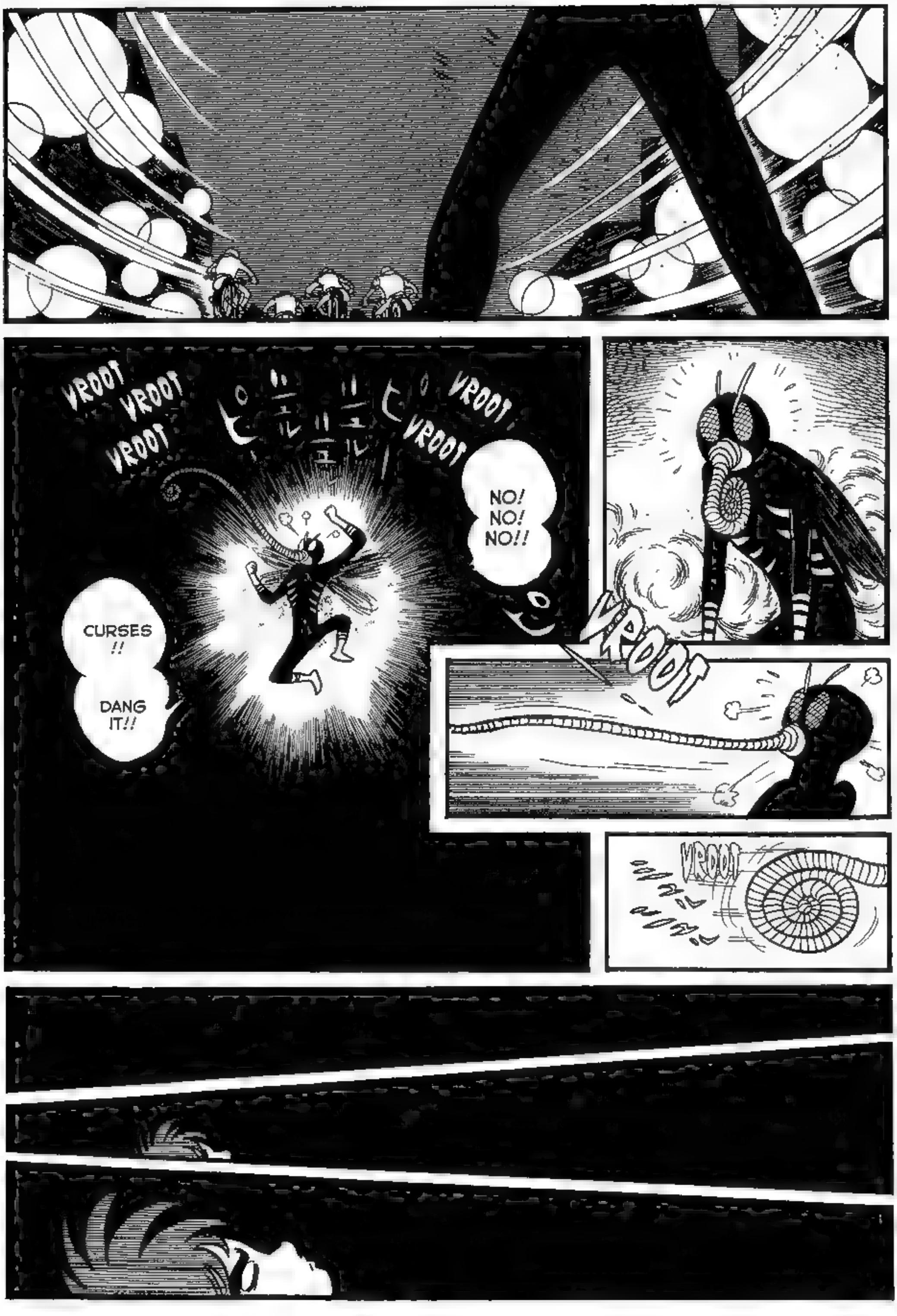
VRRM

HUH?

IT'S NOT WORKING...? THEY'RE ALL WEARING MASKS!!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DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE ONE OF THEM!?

BUT...

ONE OF WHOM?

THE SNOBBY BITCH, YES.

I'M PLEASED YOU REMEM-BER ME.

GASP

YOU! YOU'RE...

WHERE AM I, ANYWAY!?

WHY AM I HERE?

THEN...

IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT GIANT MOTH MONSTER, THEN NO...

KOUNOSUKE... KUSAKA...? YOU MEAN THE PRESIDENT OF HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS!?

YOU'RE IN KOUNOSUKE KUSAKA'S HOUSE.

OR, I GUESS I SHOULD SAY...

YOU'RE IN MY HOUSE... IN MY ROOM.

...!?

YES.

DON'T WORRY...

IT'S NOT POISONED.

THE NIGHT BEFORE LAST!?

THE NIGHT BEFORE LAST, I WENT TO TOUEI MOTOCROSS LOOKING FOR YOU!

YES... YOU'VE BEEN ASLEEP FOR A WHOLE DAY!

THE WOMAN WHO WAS WITH YOU IS CHIGUSA, MY FATHER'S SECRETARY.

I OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION BETWEEN HER AND MY FATHER.

HOW DID YOU KNOW I WOULD BE THERE?

THAT MAN IS NOT MY FATHER!!

BUT... I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

SPSW

THAT'S HOW I KNEW YOU'D BE MEETING HER THERE!

THEY WERE DISCUSSING HOW TO LURE YOU OUT AND KILL YOU!

SOMETHING'S WRONG... I JUST KNOW IT! MY FATHER HAS... CHANGED!

MY FATHER COULD NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

THEY WERE SO CALM AND NONCHALANT WHEN THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT KILLING YOU...

HIS SECRETARY, CHIGUSA, IS DIFFERENT TOO!

HE JUST... CHANGED ?

TWO MONTHS AGO...?

NANA AND THE OTHER SERVANTS DON'T SEEM TO NOTICE ANYTHING, BUT I WON'T BE SO EASILY FOOLED!!

HIS SMILES WERE NEVER REFLECTED IN HIS EYES, AND HIS KINDNESS WAS SO FAKE...!

HIS SOUL IS DIFFERENT! HE CONTINUED TO BE NICE TO ME, AS ALWAYS, BUT I COULD TELL.

HIS FACE AND GENERAL APPEARANCE ARE EXACTLY THE SAME, BUT...

IT HAPPENED TWO MONTHS AGO...

THAT'S HOW I CAME TO KNOW OF THEIR PLANS TO KILL YOU!

THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN SPYING ON HIM FOR THE PAST MONTH.

MY FATHER WAS NO LONGER MY FATHER...

VRRRRM

VRRM

HEY...

AREN'T THOSE THE GUYS FROM...?

MR. KAMEN RIDER!

THEY'RE MY FRIENDS.

VRRRM

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

IF I HAD KNOWN, I WOULDN'T HAVE FOUGHT THEM...

I HAD THEM PRETEND TO HASSLE ME SO THAT I'D HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU.

THEY'RE ALSO THE ONES WHO SAVED YOU FROM THAT MONSTER WHO PUT YOU TO SLEEP.

I PRETENDED TO BE ANGRY AND STORMED OFF BEFORE SHE RECOGNIZED ME.

THEN I JUST FOLLOWED YOU HOME, AND EVENTUALLY RESCUED YOU!

I SAW CHIGUSA COMING UP BEHIND YOU, SO...

...

SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM!

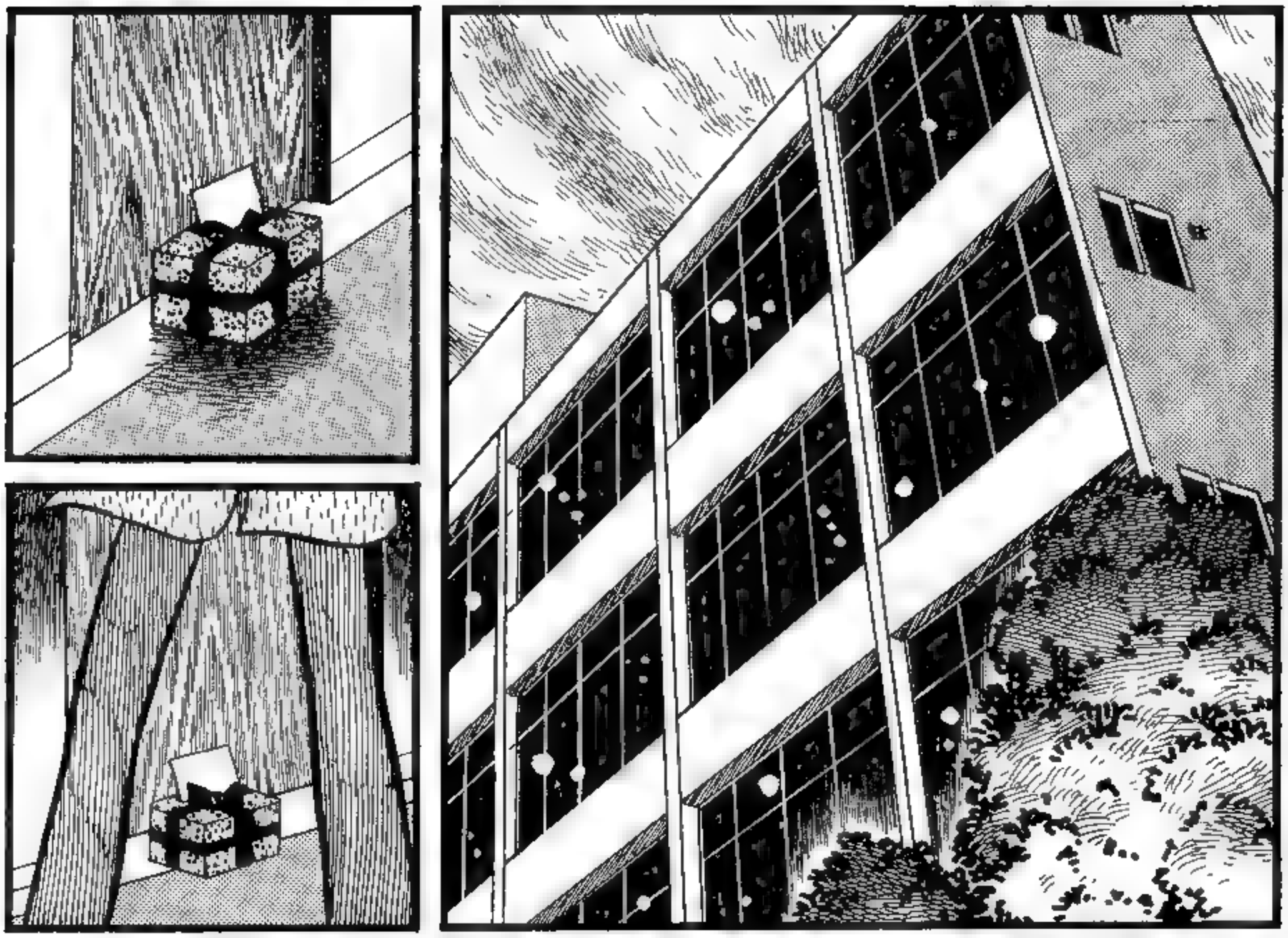
MY FATHER... I MEAN, THE PERSON PRETENDING TO BE MY FATHER... HE AND CHIGUSA WERE SAYING THAT YOU ARE THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE IN THEIR WAY.

THERE'S A REASON WHY I WANTED TO MEET YOU.

WHERE IS MY REAL FATHER? WHY IS THIS HAPPENING? IS MY FATHER SAFE!?

TELL ME!

PLEASE, TELL ME! THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN SPYING ON HIM FOR THE PAST MONTH.



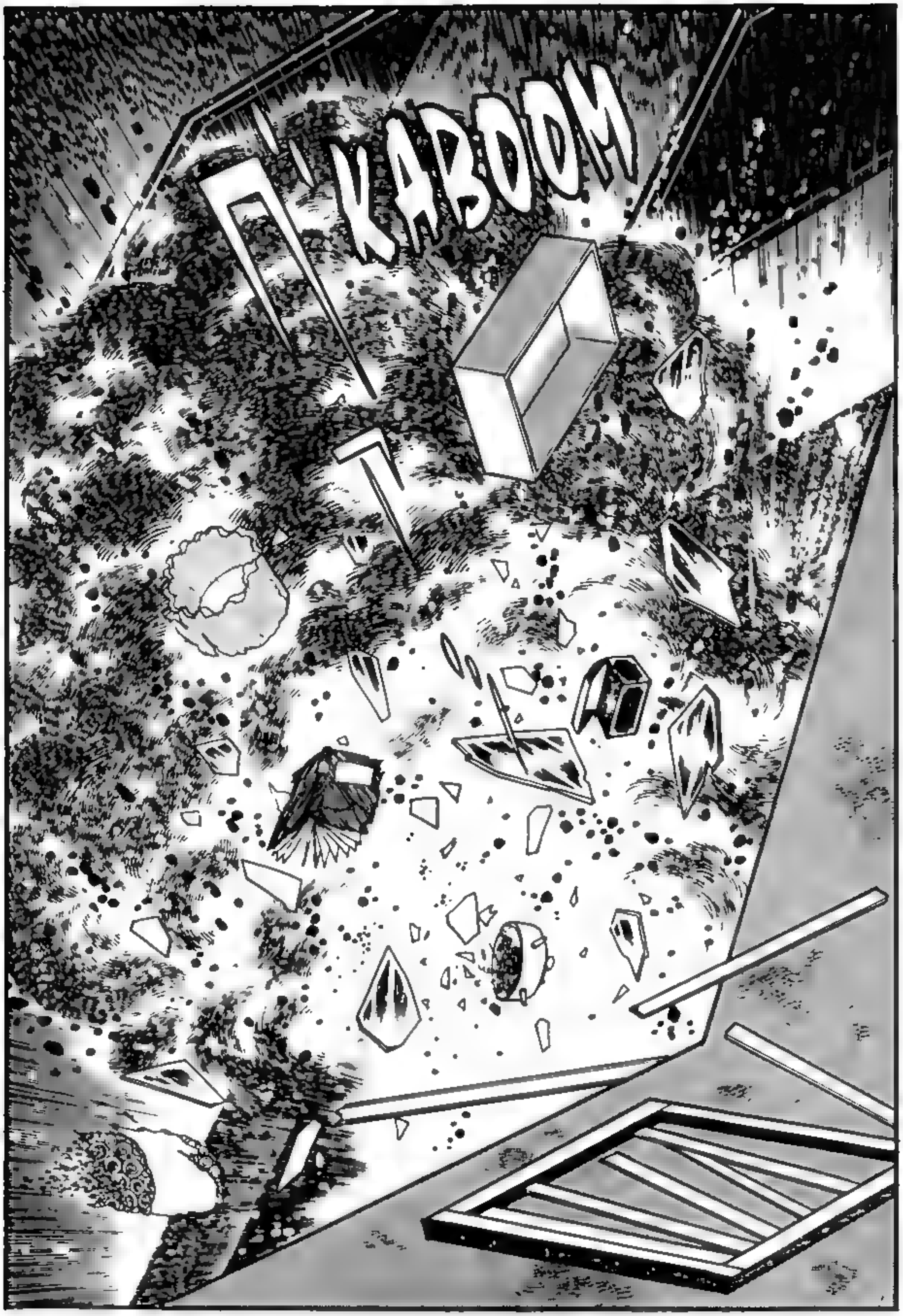
P.S. YOU WEREN'T HOME, SO I HAD TO GO. I COULDN'T LEAVE KOUJI AT HOME ALONE. -JUNKO
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! FROM JUNKO AND KOUJI

隼人さんへ

*FOR HAYATO

AND HERE I THOUGHT MY FRIENDS AT SHOCKER HAD LEFT ME A PRETTY TIME BOMB OR SOMETHING!

THEY GOT ME A BIRTHDAY PRESENT!
AWW... SHUCKS!


KABOOM!

TVP
IT REALLY WAS A TIME BOMB!
I WASN'T BEING SERIOUS ABOUT THAT...
WHOA ...!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY PUT A BOMB IN MY BIRTHDAY PRESENT FROM JUNKO AND KOUJI!

I'M JUST LUCKY I CHANGED INTO KAMEN RIDER BEFORE OPENING THE BOX.

NOW THAT'S LOW!!

click

VAROOM

....

UNLESS...

UGH...

CAN I GET YOU ANY-THING?

KOUJI? ARE YOU IN PAIN?

I'M FINE... BUT...

BUT WHAT?

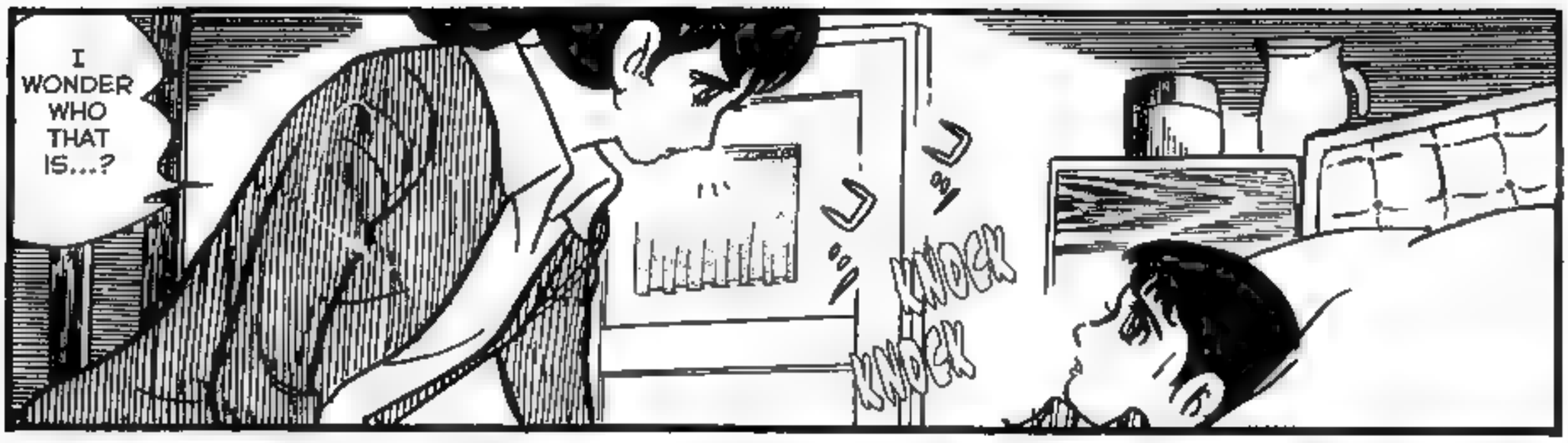
SO JUNKO LEFT MY PRESENT AT MY DOOR... THEN ONE OF SHOCKER'S AGENTS PROBABLY SAW AN OPPORTUNITY...

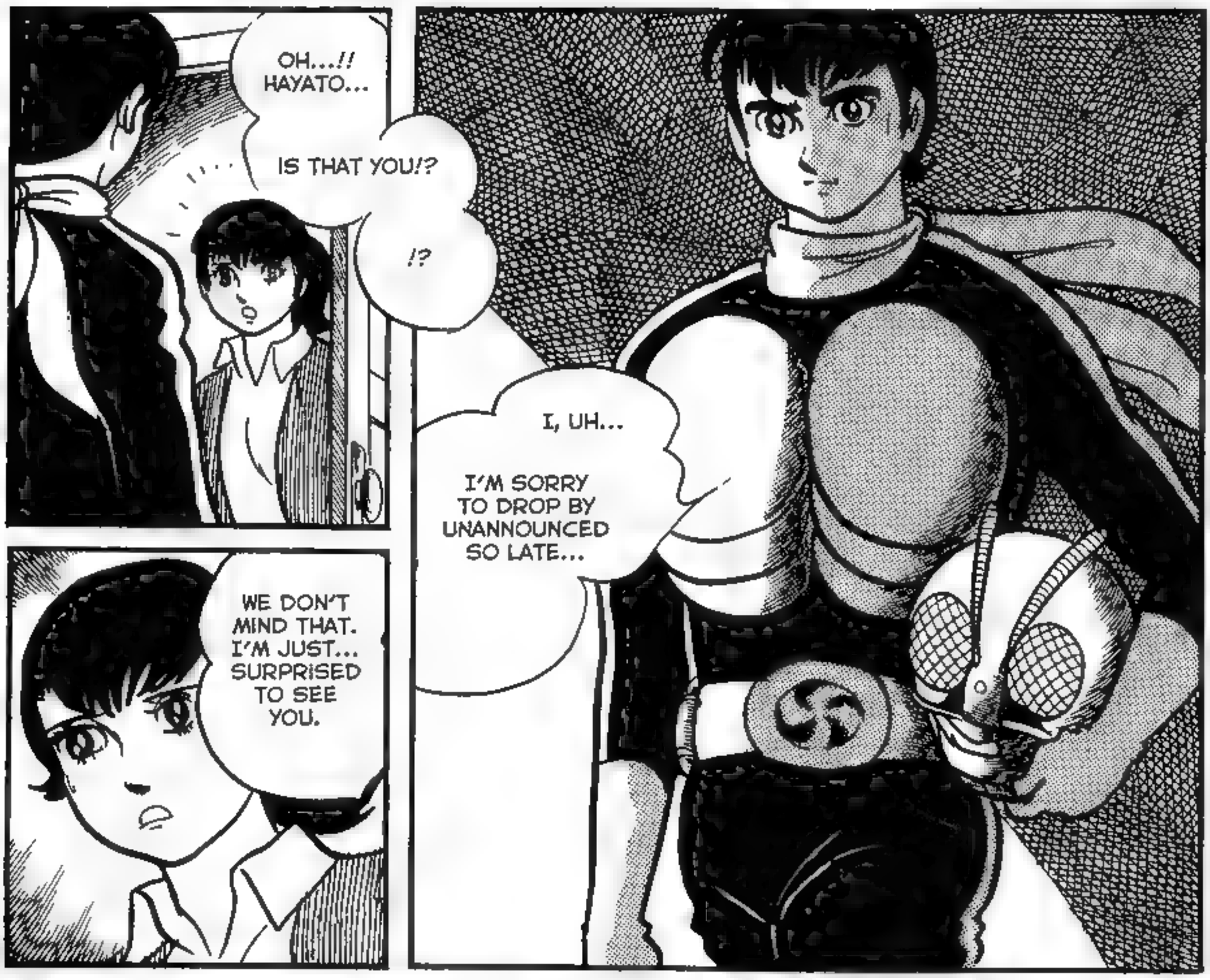
I WASN'T HOME...

THEY MUST HAVE SWAPPED THE BOX WITH THE BOMB...

OR... WHAT IF THE PRESENT WAS A BOMB ALL ALONG?

BUT THAT WOULD MEAN...


I WONDER WHO THAT IS...?
KNOCK KNOCK


OH...!! HAYATO...
IS THAT YOU!?
!?
I, UH...
I'M SORRY TO DROP BY UNANNOUNCED SO LATE...
WE DON'T MIND THAT. I'M JUST... SURPRISED TO SEE YOU.

HEHE! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS AN "INAPPROPRIATE TIME" FOR YOUNG LOVE!

THANK YOU FOR THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT, BY THE WAY...!

HAYATO...
!?

HEHE!
I SEE
YOU'RE
THE SAME
AS ALWAYS,
KOUJI!

HOW ARE
YOU
FEELING
TONIGHT?

UH...

THIS
?

HUH?
OH...

YOU
ARE,
AREN'T
YOU!?

HAYATO...
YOU'RE...

KAMEN
RIDER!?

I WAS
KIND OF IN A
HURRY, SO I
DIDN'T HAVE
TIME TO
CHANGE.

WOW!
THAT'S
SO
AWESOME
!!

GRIN

YOU SHOULDN'T SIT UP SO SUDDENLY!!
KOUJI!
WHAT KIND OF BAD GUY ARE YOU FIGHTING THIS TIME?
SO... TELL ME EVERYTHING!
I'M OKAY. I... I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE HIM. I JUST KNEW IT!
WELL...
THEY'RE PRETTY TRICKY, THAT'S FOR SURE.
THE POOR LITTLE GUY...
I THINK HE EVEN FORGOT ABOUT HIS PAIN FOR A WHILE THERE.
HE'S FAST ASLEEP.

I CAN'T STAND TO WATCH HIM PRETEND LIKE THAT SOMETIMES...

HE MAKES JOKES AND LAUGHS SO THAT YOU WON'T SEE THAT HE'S IN PAIN! BUT HE'S ALWAYS IN PAIN... SO MUCH PAIN...!

EVERY TIME YOU COME TO VISIT...

"SOB"

HE.../

...

JUNKO !?

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO COME HERE DRESSED IN SUCH A SILLY COSTUME, ACTING LIKE HIS FAVORITE HERO... BUT I THINK IT REALLY CHEERED HIM UP.

I'M SO SORRY... AND... THANK YOU.

I KNEW HE WAS PRETENDING... BUT WE HAVE TO BE STRONG FOR HIM, JUNKO!

GO, KAMEN RIDER! YOU CAN DO IT, HAYATO!

I BELIEVE IN YOU!!

...
HE MUST REALLY LIKE KAMEN RIDER!
HE WAS TALKING IN HIS SLEEP...
...
WELL... I SHOULD GET GOING...
JUNKO...
KOUJI?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ASLEEP!
I WAS FAKING IT... TO GIVE YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS SOME TIME ALONE!
OH, KOUJI!
YOU'RE SO SILLY!

HE SAID IT WAS BECAUSE HE TOOK A TRIP SOMEWHERE, BUT THAT'S ACTUALLY WHEN HE WAS BEING MODIFIED AS A CYBORG!

REMEMBER WHEN HE DIDN'T COME BY FOR A WHOLE TWO MONTHS?

THINK ABOUT IT...

HE DIDN'T JUST DRESS UP IN A FUNNY COSTUME FOR MY BENEFIT!

HE REALLY IS KAMEN RIDER, YOU KNOW!

BUT SERIOUS-LY...

YES?

HAYATO IS...

I...

I WISH THEY WOULD TURN ME INTO A CYBORG...

IT'S MAKING MY WHITE BLOOD CELLS INCREASE TOO MUCH...

THIS DISEASE...

LEUKEMIA...

...

HIRO-SHIMA...

KOUJI WAS BORN OF PARENTS THAT SURVIVED THE BOMBING.

NOW, ALMOST 20 YEARS AFTER THE BLAST...

THE RADIATION IS RUINING ANOTHER LIFE IN THE FORM OF LEUKEMIA!

WHEN I MET THEM...

I WAS TAKING A SERIES OF PHOTOS FOR A PROJECT CALLED "CHASING THE BLACK RAIN"...

JUNKO...

...

I'M SORRY..

WHAT'S MORE, SHE STILL SEEMED TO BELIEVE THAT I WAS ONLY PRETENDING TO BE KAMEN RIDER FOR KOUJI'S BENEFIT! I'M SO RELIEVED!

I THOUGHT, "AH HA! SHE THOUGHT I WOULD BE DEAD!" BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WHO WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED TO SEE A GROWN MAN WEAR NG A COSTUME LIKE THIS!?

I ADMIT... MY SUSPICIONS ONLY DEEPENED WHEN I SAW THE SURPRISED LOOK ON HER FACE THE MOMENT SHE OPENED THE DOOR AND SAW ME...

...OF ANYTHING !?

WHO AM I TO SUSPECT SOMEONE LIKE THAT...

DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE SHADOW OF RADIATION IS CONSTANTLY LOOMING OVER HER TOO, SHE WORKS SO HARD AS THE RECEPTIONIST AT HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS TO TAKE CARE OF HER LITTLE BROTHER.

SHE'S SUCH AN AMAZING WOMAN!

JUNKO...

IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS ALREADY SINCE I FIRST MET THEM!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

I'M GOING TO SAVE MANKIND!! WHATEVER...

YEAH, THAT'S ME!

YOU'RE SOME HALF-HUMAN HALF-MACHINE FREAK!!

OH, JUNKO... IT'S PRETTY HILARIOUS TO THINK THAT A GUY LIKE ME IS SUPPOSED TO BE A HERO...

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? YOU'RE NOT EVEN HUMAN ANYMORE!

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE IN LOVE WITH SUCH AN AMAZING WOMAN!

I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT A FOOL I WAS!

HAYATO ICHIMONJI, YOU ARE A TOTAL IDIOT!!

I HAVE TO!
THAT'S THE ONLY THING A GUY LIKE ME IS GOOD FOR!
BUT IT'S THE TRUTH...
I HAVE TO SAVE EVERY-ONE...
HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS! THE KEY TO EVERYTHING MUST BE HERE SOMEWHERE...

ALL THE CLUES LEAD TO THIS COMPANY, SO I THINK IT'S PRETTY SAFE TO SAY THEY'RE CONNECTED SOMEHOW.

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FIND OUT HOW THEY'RE CONNECTED!

HUH!?

THE ALARM HERE HAS BEEN DISAS-SEMBLED...!

WHO WOULD...

SO... LET'S TALK ABOUT SHOCKER'S LATEST PLAN TO GAIN CONTROL OF JAPAN NOW...

AGH !?
HA!

ANOTHER ONE OF SHOCKER'S MINIONS!!

SHH!

HUH !?

A MONSTER!!

EEE !!

Y-Y-Y- YOU'RE...

WAIT!!

HEY!

WHA...?

THIS IS SOME KIND OF JOKE, RIGHT?

REALLY !?

RA RA SHA SHA SHA

THAT GUY DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THEIR USUAL STOCK.

SHOCKER MUST BE GETTING PRETTY DESPERATE FOR EMPLOYEES...

WHERE'D HE GO?

DASH

TRIP

!!

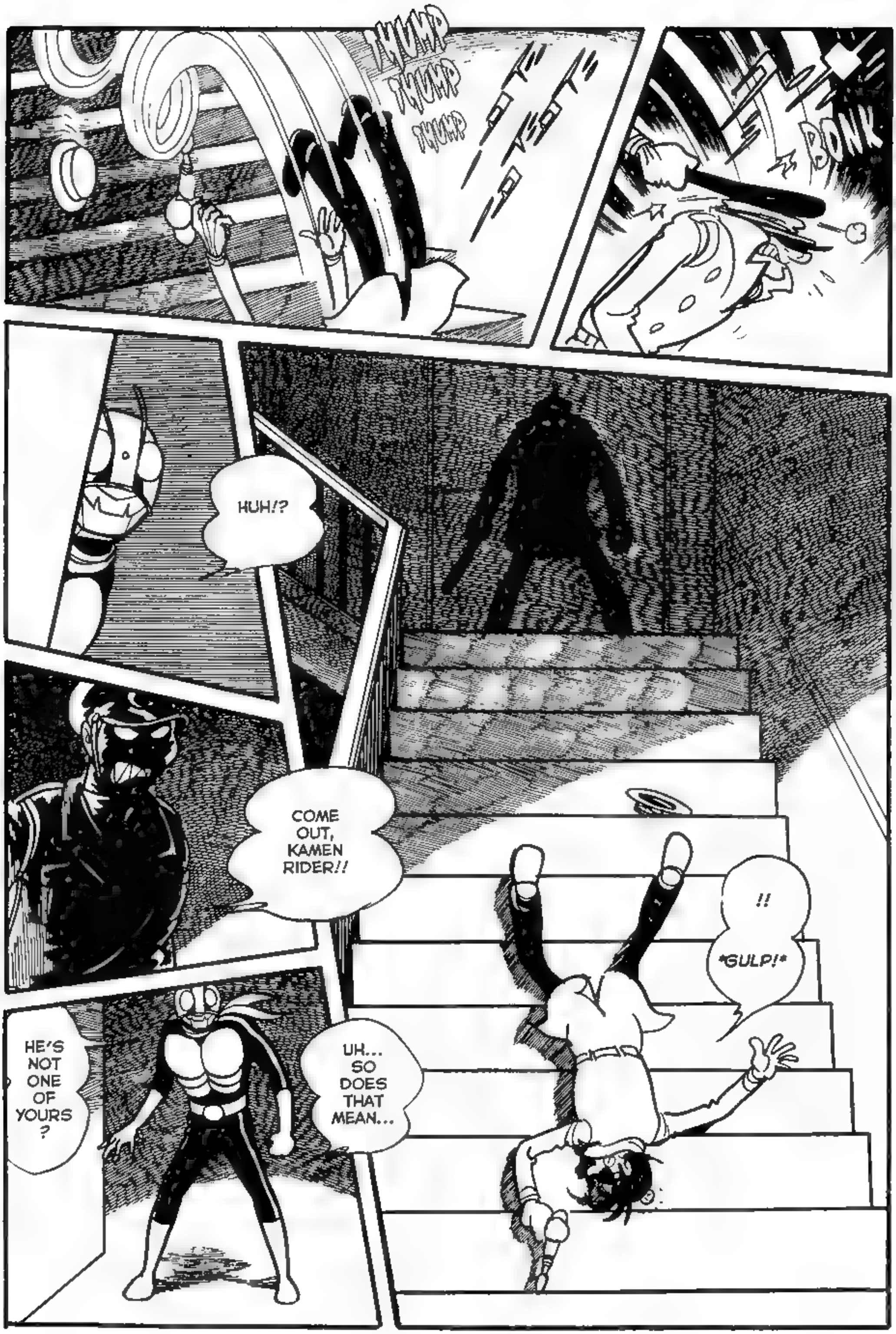
WHOA!

HEH HEH...

DASH

PEW

PEW


THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
BONK
HUH!?
COME OUT, KAMEN RIDER!!
HE'S NOT ONE OF YOURS?
UH... SO DOES THAT MEAN...
!!
GULP!

SKREP

I GUESS HE WAS SOME RANDOM THIEF WHO BROKE IN HERE!

IF HE ISN'T YOUR FRIEND...

CRACK

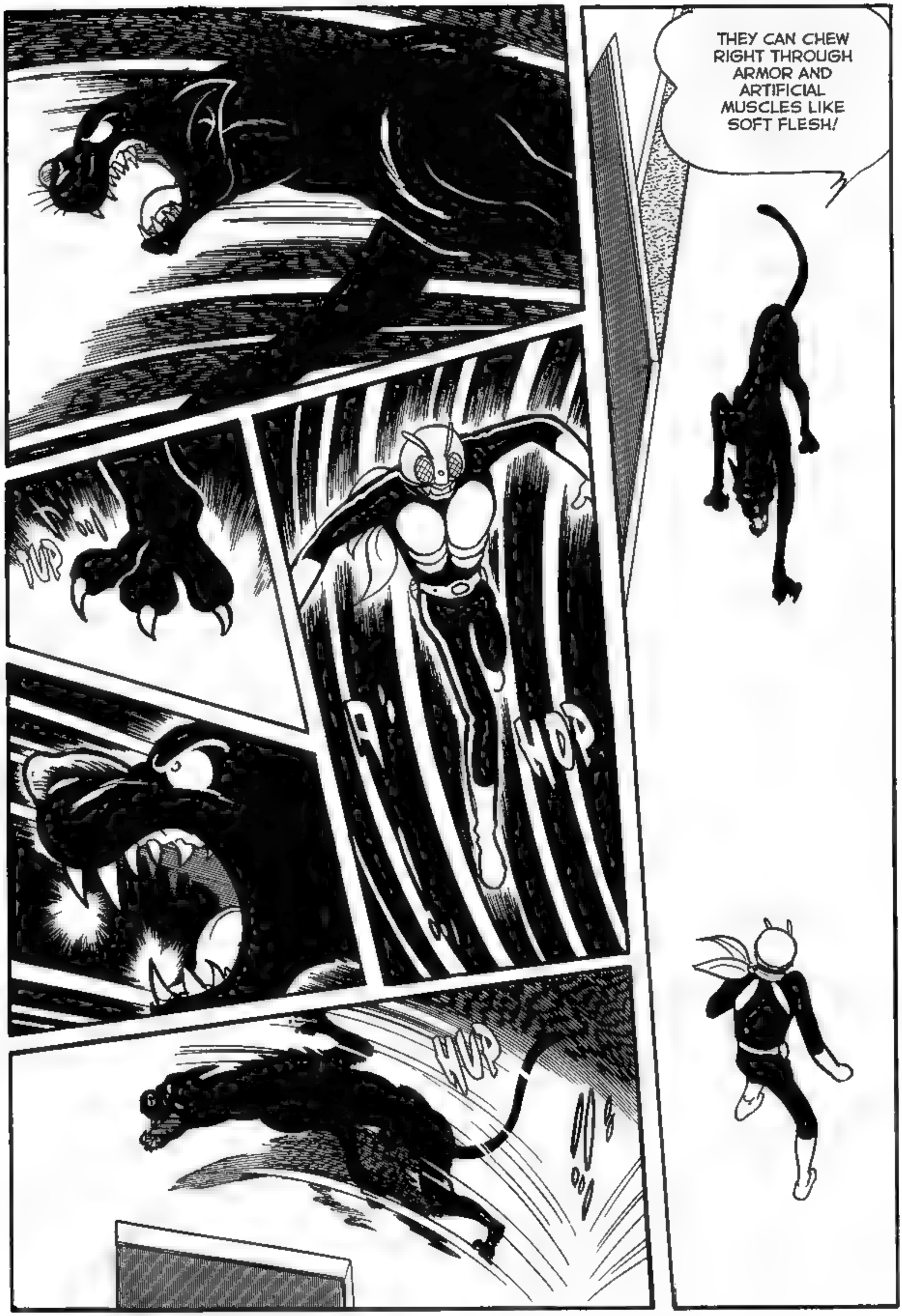
NOT...

AGAIN...
!!

SHOOM

UH...
CAT.. MAN!?
KROOM
CALL ME LEOPARD MAN! IT HAS A BETTER RING TO IT, DON'T YOU THINK?
OW!!
OH...
TOTALLY...

GROWR
MROW...
HEHE..
MY FANGS HAVE A SPECIAL MAGNETIC FIELD AROUND THEM!


THEY CAN CHEW RIGHT THROUGH ARMOR AND ARTIFICIAL MUSCLES LIKE SOFT FLESH!
PUP
HOP
HOP
HOP

MMM MROW !!

THWP

AND THE SAME GOES FOR MY CLAWS!

CLAK

THERE'S NO WAY A WORM CAN BEAT A LEOPARD!

GIVE IT UP, KAMEN RIDER!

THIS TIME... I'LL TEAR OUT YOUR THROAT!!

BWAM
BWAM

WUMP

THAT MUST MEAN YOU'RE NO RANDOM THIEF!

NOW THERE'S A FANCY WEAPON...

A LASER GUN...?

LOOK WHO'S TALKING!

HAW!

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE...

STUP STUP STUP

YOU... !!

THAT LADY'S A POISONOUS MOTH!!

HEY, WE SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE!

IF YOU BREATH IN HER FAIRY DUST, YOU BUY A ONE-WAY TICKET TO DREAMLAND!

I'D BE FINE WITH MY MASK ON, BUT YOU DIDN'T COME AS WELL-PREPARED!

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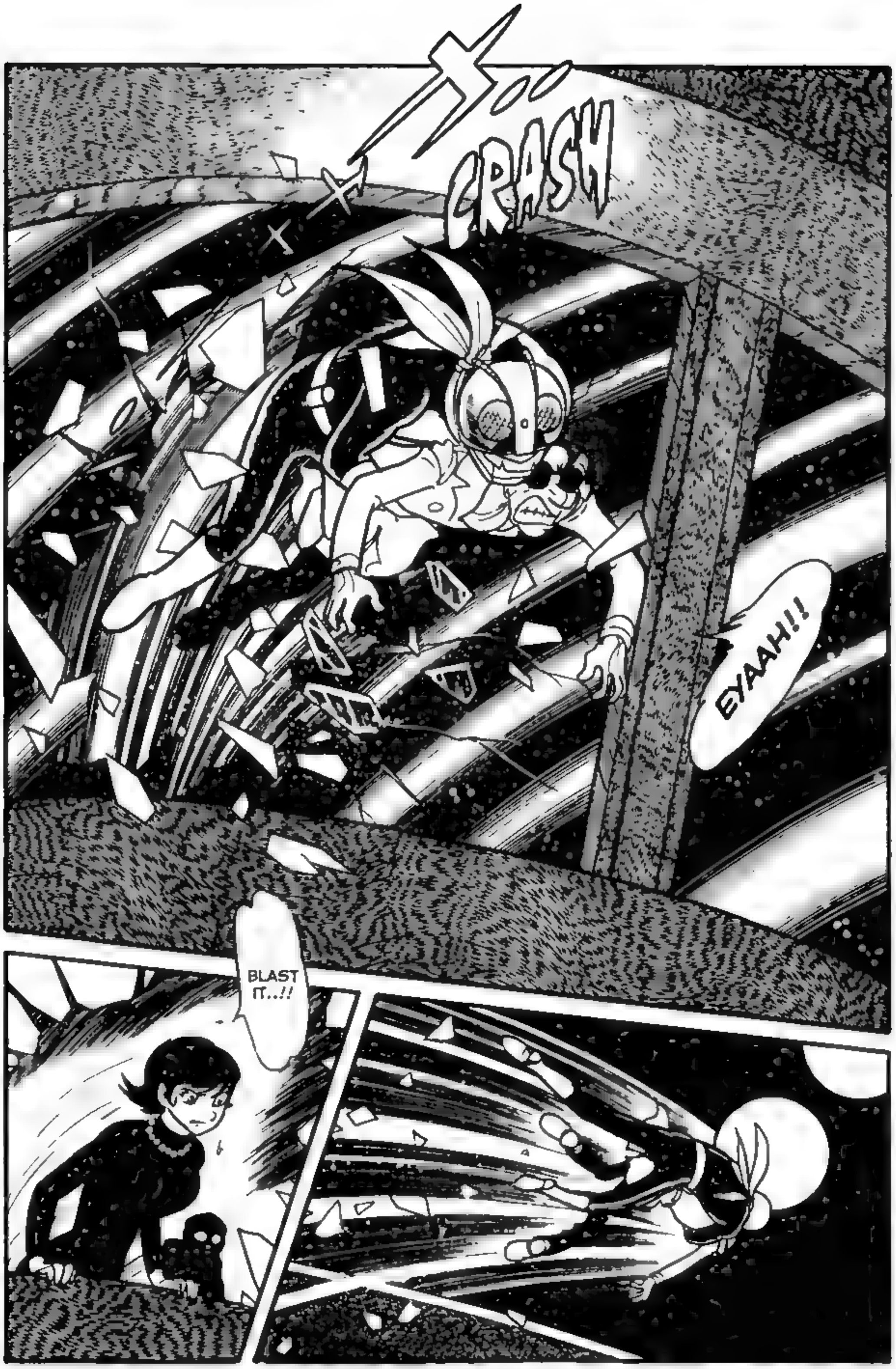

CRASH
EYAAAAH!!
BLAST IT..!!

WE LOOK LIKE WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO A COSTUME PARTY!

VRRRRM

TIME TO BURN SOME RUBBER... HANG ON!

WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND HERE!?

VRRRRM

I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME THING!

SO...

WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY!?

FINE... I'M JIROU TAKI.

WHY DON'T WE START WITH YOU?

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING, JIROU?

.....

I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO HARM IN TELLING YOU...

I'M WITH THE FBI.

THE FBI?

WHY WOULD THE FBI BE SO INTERESTED IN HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS?

I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING ON THE WAY.

ALL RIGHT... THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW YOU.

JUST HEAD THERE...

.....?

ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO...

HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED A TOP SECRET ORDER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN!

ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT...

OF COURSE, THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF JAPAN HAS NO IDEA SUCH A TRANSACTION TOOK PLACE.

A TOP SECRET ORDER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN?

WHAT WAS IT FOR?

YES... A GIANT ONE!

AND I DON'T MEAN YOUR RUN-OF-THE-MILL KIND OF GIANT, EITHER.

A GIANT COMPUTER!

A... COMPUTER ?

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO UNCOVER A LOT OF DETAILS YET, BUT...

I DID FIND OUT THAT THE CORE OF THE COMPUTER ITSELF COVERS AT LEAST ONE SQUARE KILOMETER! IT'S LIKE A MASSIVE ARTIFICIAL BRAIN!!

WHOA...

BUT WHAT WOULD THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN WANT SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR?

I DON'T KNOW...

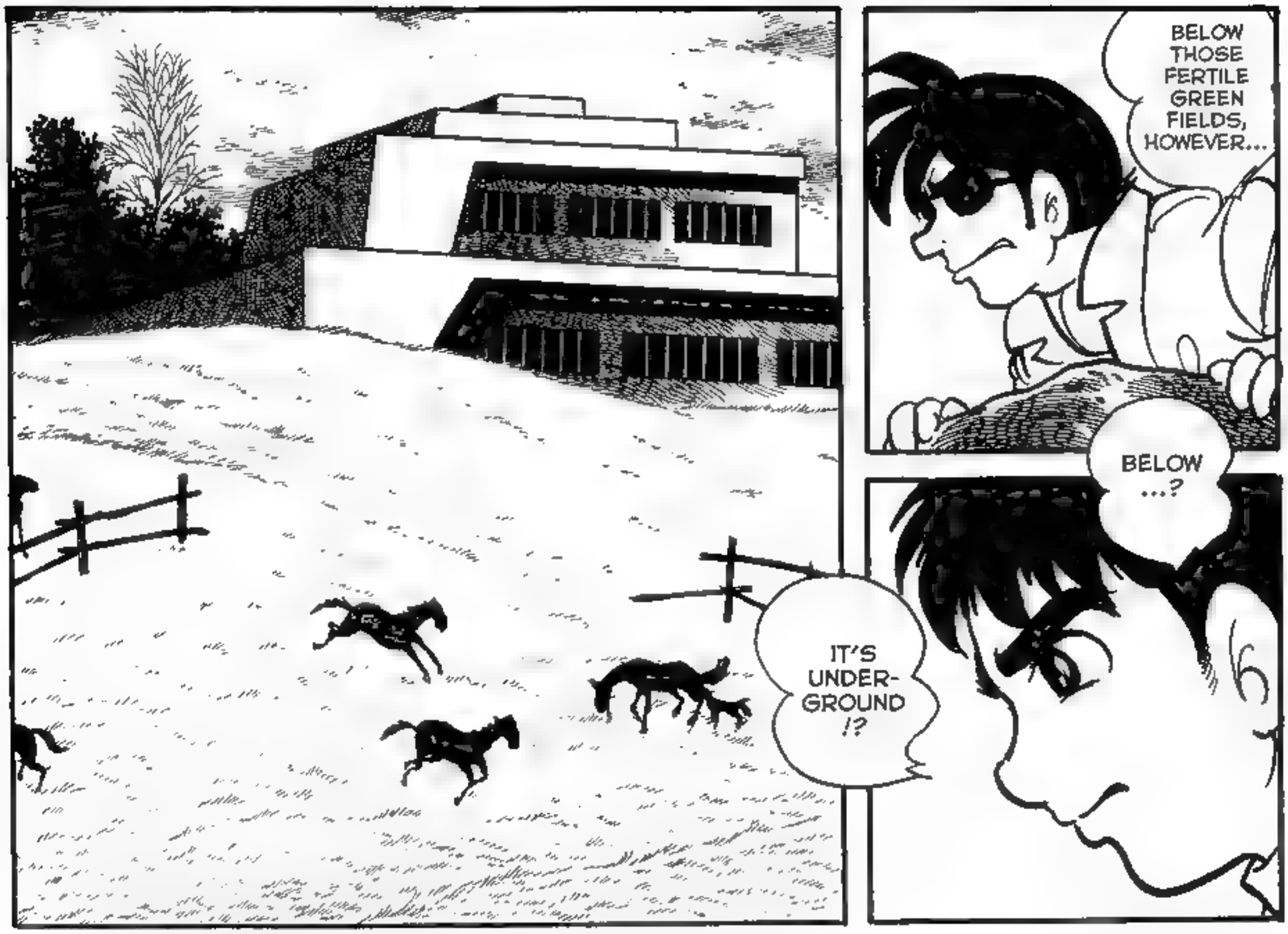
HMM...

A GIANT COMPUTER BRAIN AND SHOCKER'S "OCTOBER PROJECT"... SOUNDS LIKE THE PIECES ARE COMING TOGETHER.

THAT'S WHY I BROKE INTO HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS.

STOP!
THAT'S WHERE THE BRAIN IS BEING KEPT!

A GIANT COMPUTER BRAIN? HERE?
IT LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL RANCH...
PRECISELY! THAT'S THE R DEVIOUS COVER!


BELOW THOSE FERTILE GREEN FIELDS, HOWEVER...
BELOW ...?
IT'S UNDER-GROUND !?

I CAN'T HELP!
WELL...!?

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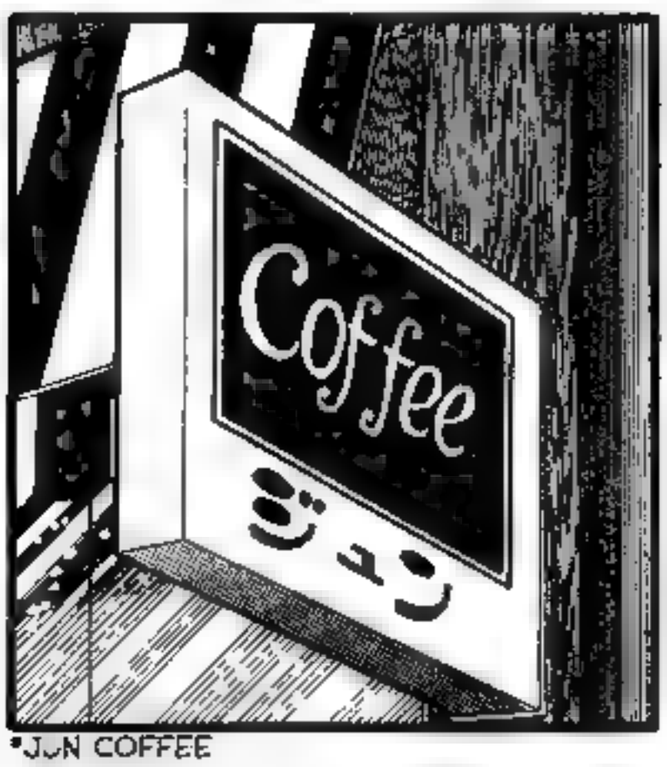

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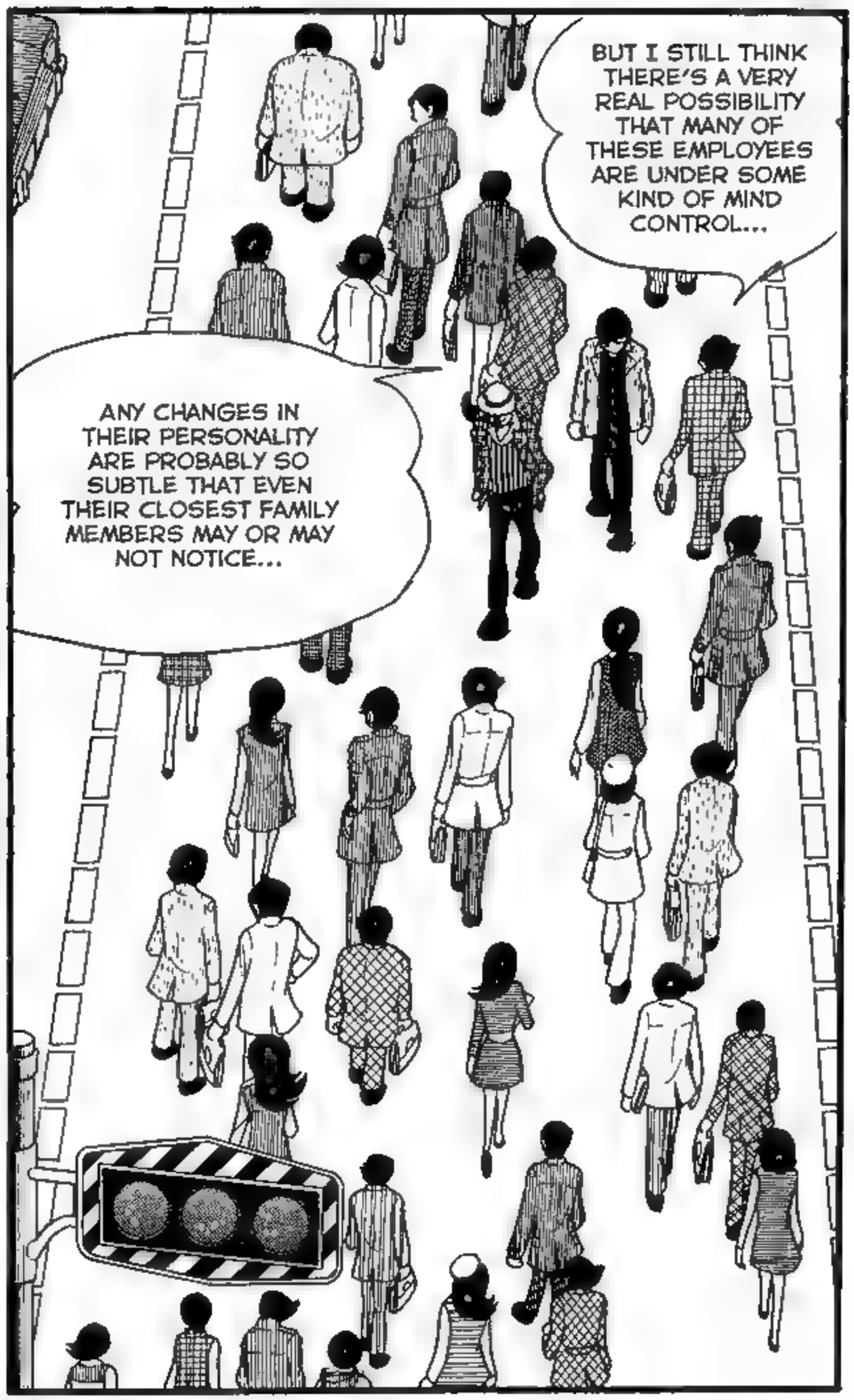

BUT I STILL THINK THERE'S A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY THAT MANY OF THESE EMPLOYEES ARE UNDER SOME KIND OF MIND CONTROL...
ANY CHANGES IN THEIR PERSONALITY ARE PROBABLY SO SUBTLE THAT EVEN THEIR CLOSEST FAMILY MEMBERS MAY OR MAY NOT NOTICE...

WE WERE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THAT THE GIANT COMPUTER YOUR FATHER'S COMPANY BUILT IS BEING USED BY AN EVIL ORGANIZATION.

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW IS WHAT THEY'RE USING IT FOR.

SO THAT'S BASIC-ALLY ALL WE KNOW RIGHT NOW...

THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN...

STRANGE ?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELL...

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT YOUR SISTER.

HAVE YOU NOTICED ANYTHING... STRANGE... ABOUT HER LATELY?

KOUJI... UHM...

DO YOU EVER FEEL LIKE SHE'S NOT THE SAME PERSON SHE USED TO BE?

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN IT... BUT...

COME ON, I NEED YOU TO BE SERIOUS FOR A MOMENT.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

BUT GIRLS ALWAYS ACT DIFFERENT WHEN THEY'RE IN LOVE!

HEHE!

YEAH!

...

HMM...

OH... NO.

NOTHING.

WHY? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HER...?

HAYATO... I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU LOOK SO WORRIED BEFORE!

YOU'RE LYING!

IF I ADD MORE STRESS TO HIS CONDITION, IT COULD HAVE A TERRIBLE EFFECT ON HIS PHYSICAL HEALTH!

WHAT AM I DOING!? AS IF KOUJI'S BODY WASN'T DEALING WITH ENOUGH ALREADY...

I STARTED TO GET THE FEELING THAT YOUR SISTER'S IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE!

OKAY, YOU GOT ME!

YOU WERE RIGHT...

DO YOU KNOW IF SHE'S SEEING SOMEONE?

HAR HAR!

MAN, IT'S NOT EASY BEING A YOUNG GUY IN LOVE, LET ME TELL YOU!

I WAS WORRIED THAT SHE FOUND SOMEONE BETTER! THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU SUCH A SILLY QUESTION. BUT NOW I CAN REST EASY KNOWING...

WOW, I'M SO RELIEVED!

HAW HAW HAW

YOU KNOW YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON MY SISTER WANTS TO DATE!

DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!

OH... REALLY ?

PLEASE !!

TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SISTER!

HAYATO... STOP TREATING ME LIKE A LITTLE KID!

.....

I THINK THEY EVEN MADE HER PLANT A BOMB IN THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT YOU GUYS GOT FOR ME...

THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT YOUR SISTER IS BEING USED BY SHOCKER.

THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW FOR SURE, BUT...

JUNKO... SHE'S... SHE'S MY SISTER!!

MY SISTER WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

NO! THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD YOU ANY OF THIS...

I'M SORRY...

EVEN IF SHE WAS THE ONE WHO LEFT THAT PRESENT FOR ME, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN WHAT IT WAS!

OF COURSE SHE HASN'T!

1971

SHE HASN'T CHANGED !!

I... I SHOULD GO NOW... BUT I'LL VISIT YOU AGAIN SOON.

BUT DON'T WORRY! I PROMISE I'LL PROTECT YOUR SISTER!

WHAT !?

SHE'S CHANGED!

JUNKO HAS CHANGED!!

.....

HAYATO ...!

OH, HE'S ASLEEP...

KOUJI! I'M HOME!

HI!

HE LEFT THE TV ON AGAIN...

BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ

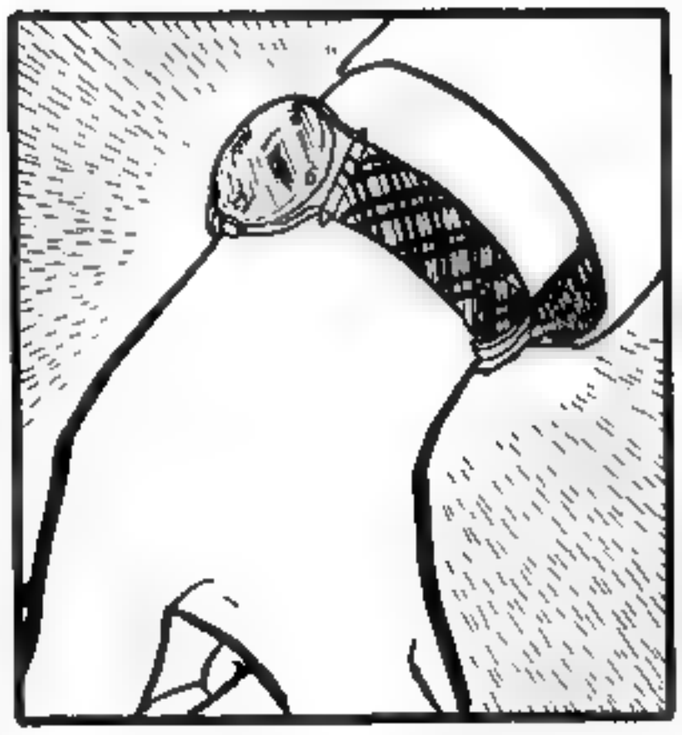
BUZZ

THUD

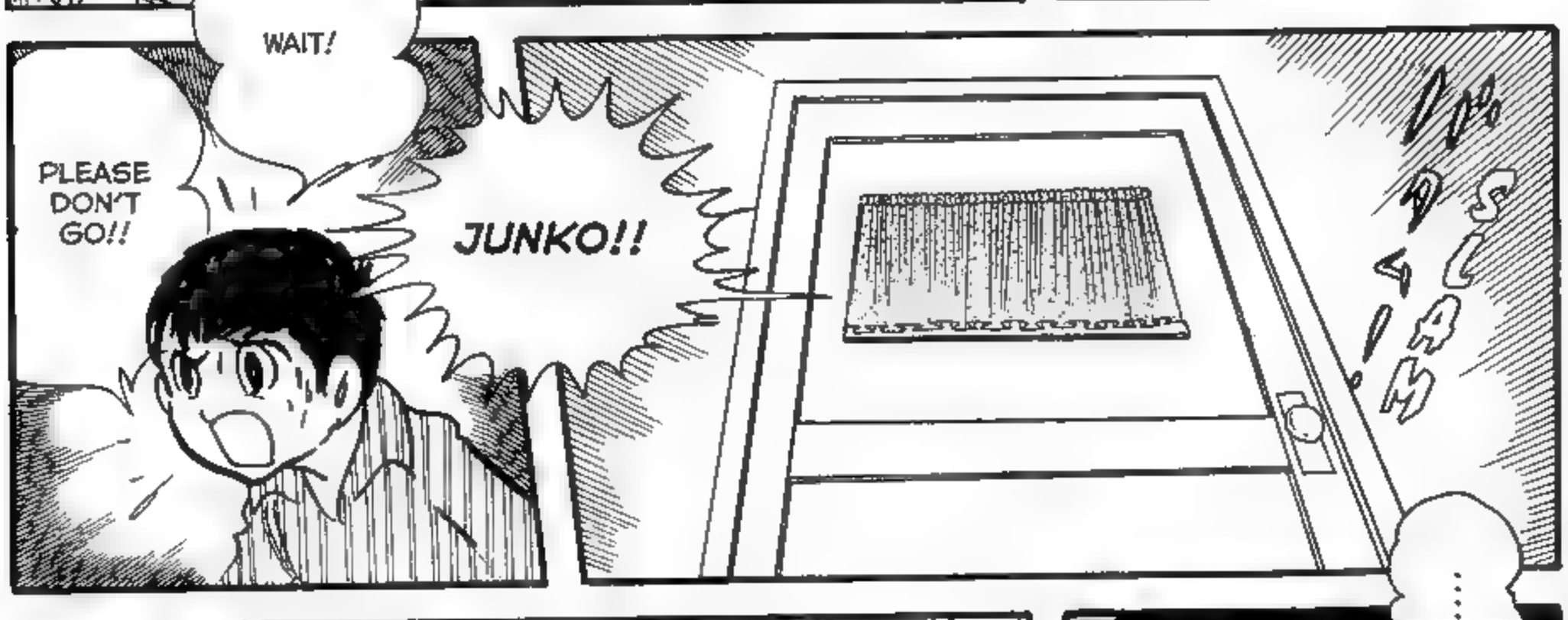
.....

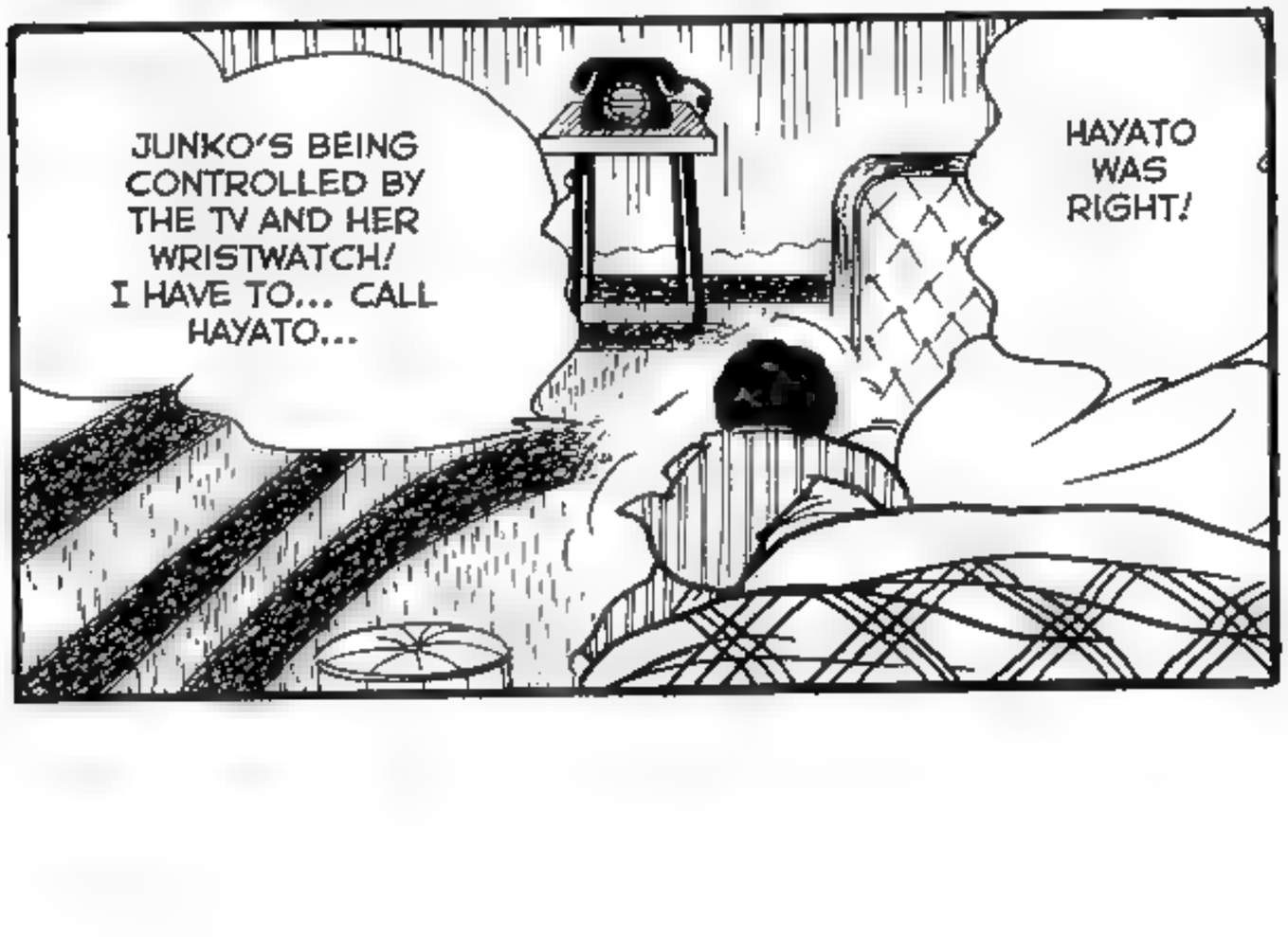
BUZZ

.....
JUNKO!?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING !?



JUST LIKE LAST TIME... SHE'S ACTING THE SAME AS SHE DID WHEN SHE TOOK HAYATO'S PRESENT TO HIM!


WAIT!
PLEASE DON'T GO!!
JUNKO!!
VROOM


JUNKO'S BEING CONTROLLED BY THE TV AND HER WRISTWATCH! I HAVE TO... CALL HAYATO...
HAYATO WAS RIGHT!

OOF!

I... HAVE TO...

GREAT. THANK YOU. YES... I'LL BE OVER IN ABOUT AN HOUR TO PICK IT UP.

OH?

THE REPAIRS ON THE RIDER SUIT ARE DONE ALREADY?

HI, TOUBE!...

EXCUSE ME... WHAT ROOM IS MR. ICHIMONJI IN?

HOTEL OSAMU

JUNKO !?

CLICK

RRRING
I WAS JUST ON MY WAY OUT, BUT THAT CAN WAIT... PLEASE, COME IN. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
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I'LL BE RIGHT BACK...
HELLO? HEY, KOUJI!
WHAT... !?

BLAM
WHOA
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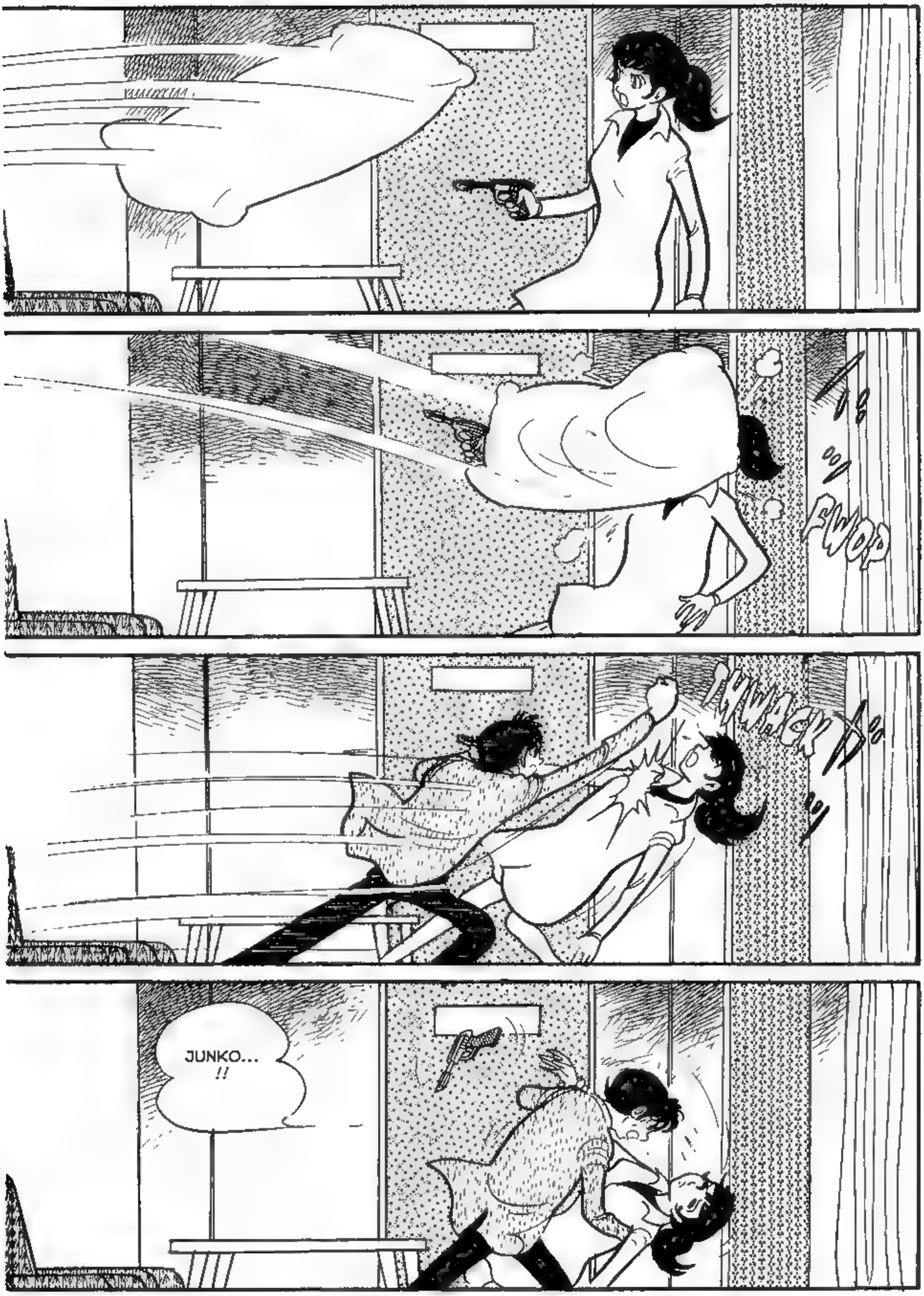
FWOP
JUNKO...
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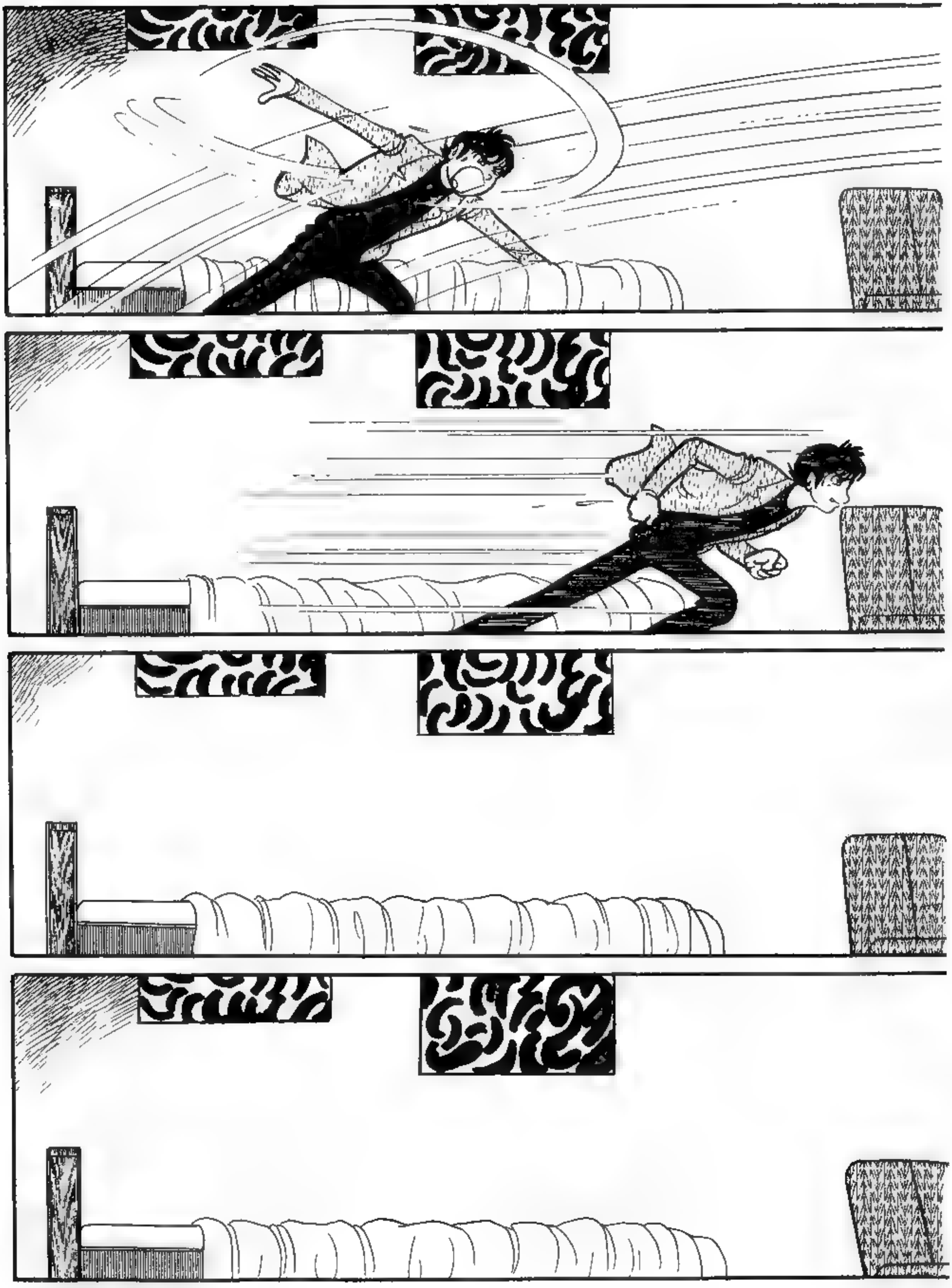

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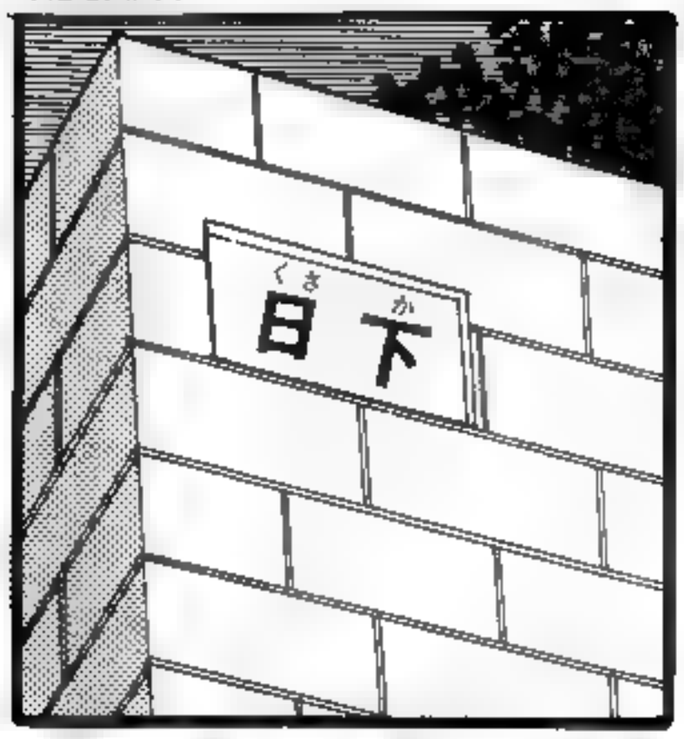
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SO... SHOCKER HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THE EMPLOYEES AT HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS!

GASP
YOU... HOW DARE YOU...!?
RENA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
FATHER!
!!
GRRR!!
YOU!!
EEK!

HUK !!

I'LL KILL YOU!!

ISN'T IT!?

ARE YOU A SPY!? WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR!?

I BET IT'S THAT BLASTED HAYATO ICHIMONJI!

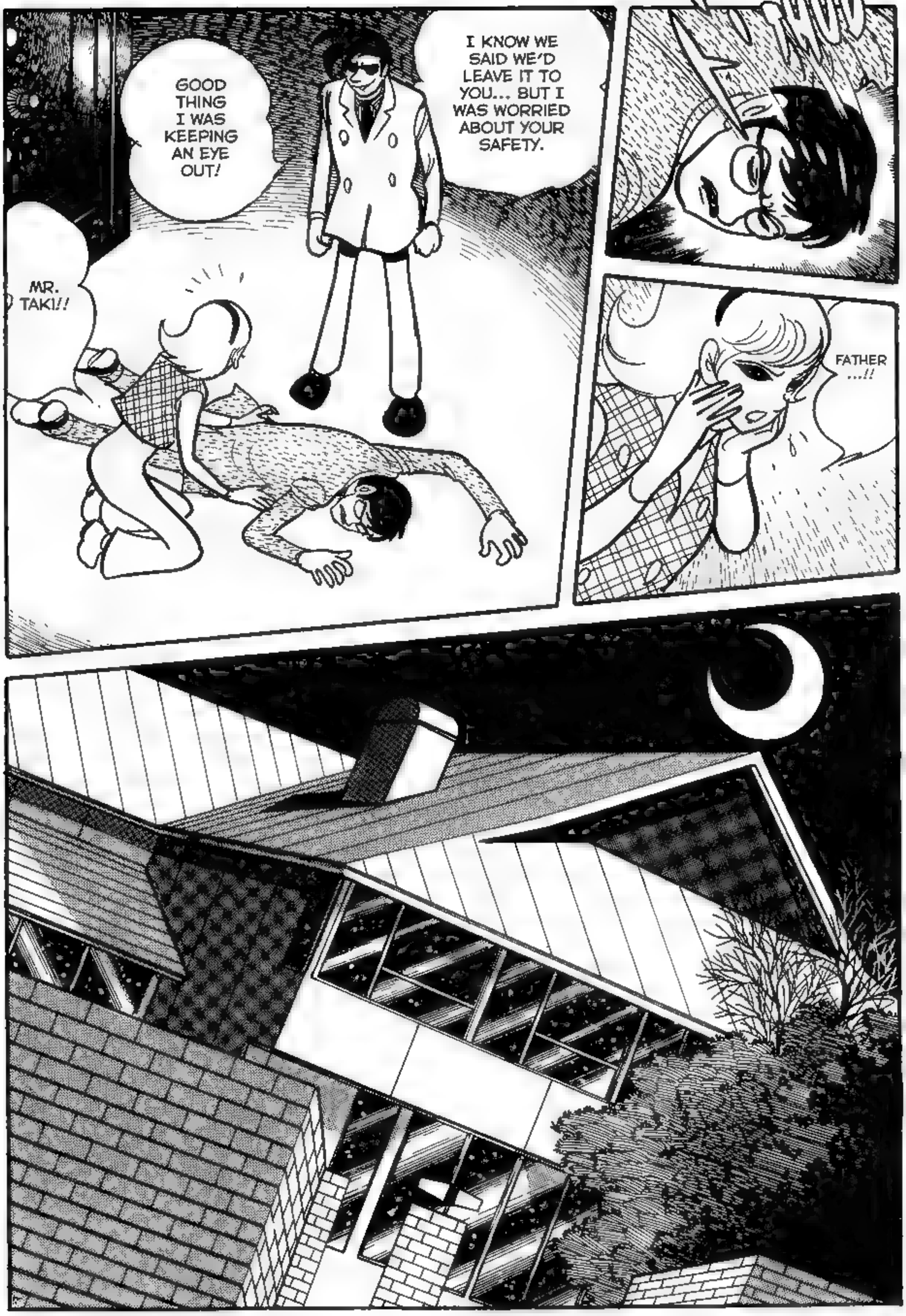
SOCK

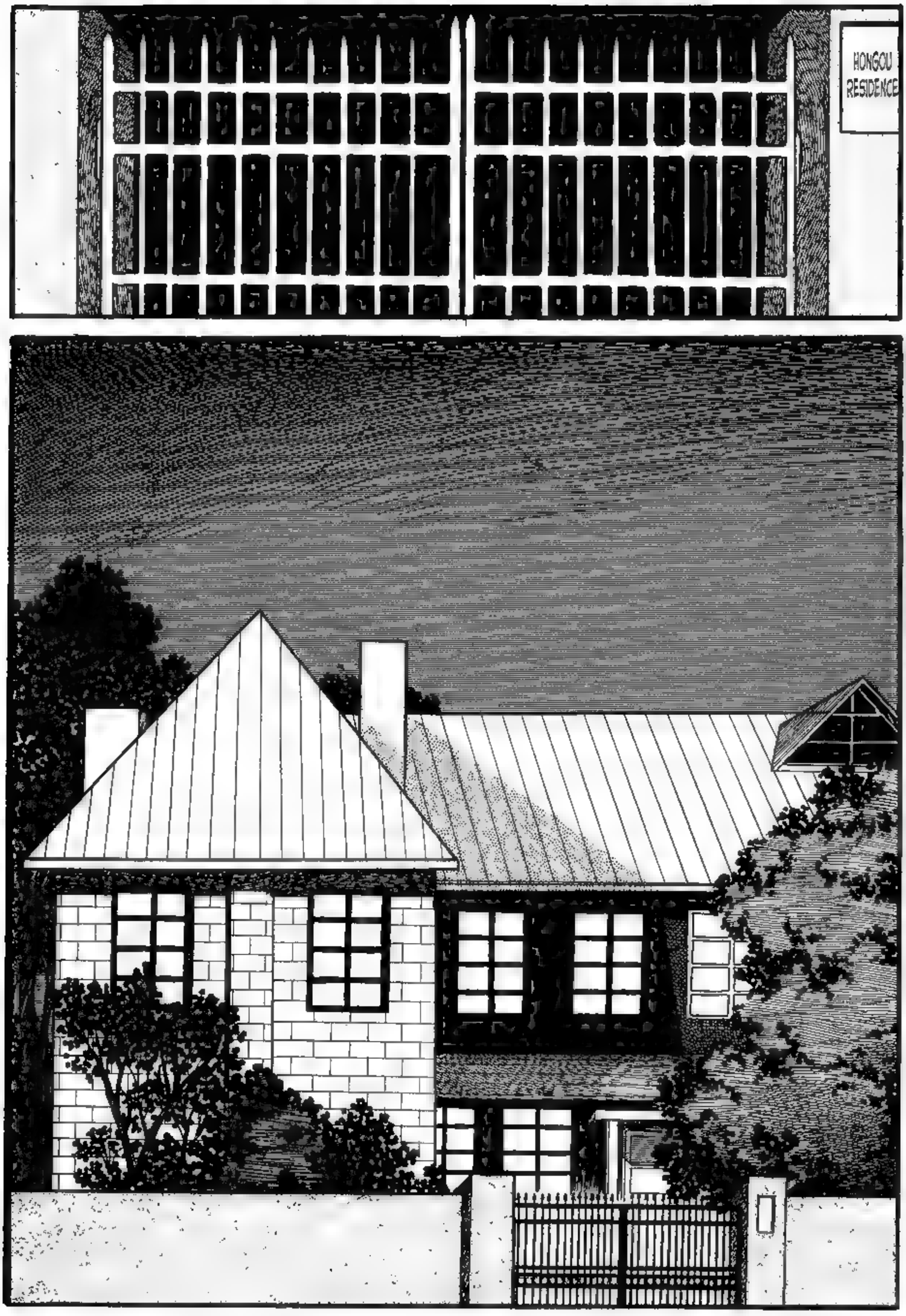
THWOCK

NOW THAT'S EVIL!

YOU'D KILL YOUR OWN DAUGHTER!?

OOF!


GOOD THING I WAS KEEPING AN EYE OUT!
I KNOW WE SAID WE'D LEAVE IT TO YOU... BUT I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY.
MR. TAKI!!
FATHER ...!!


HONGOU
RESIDENCE

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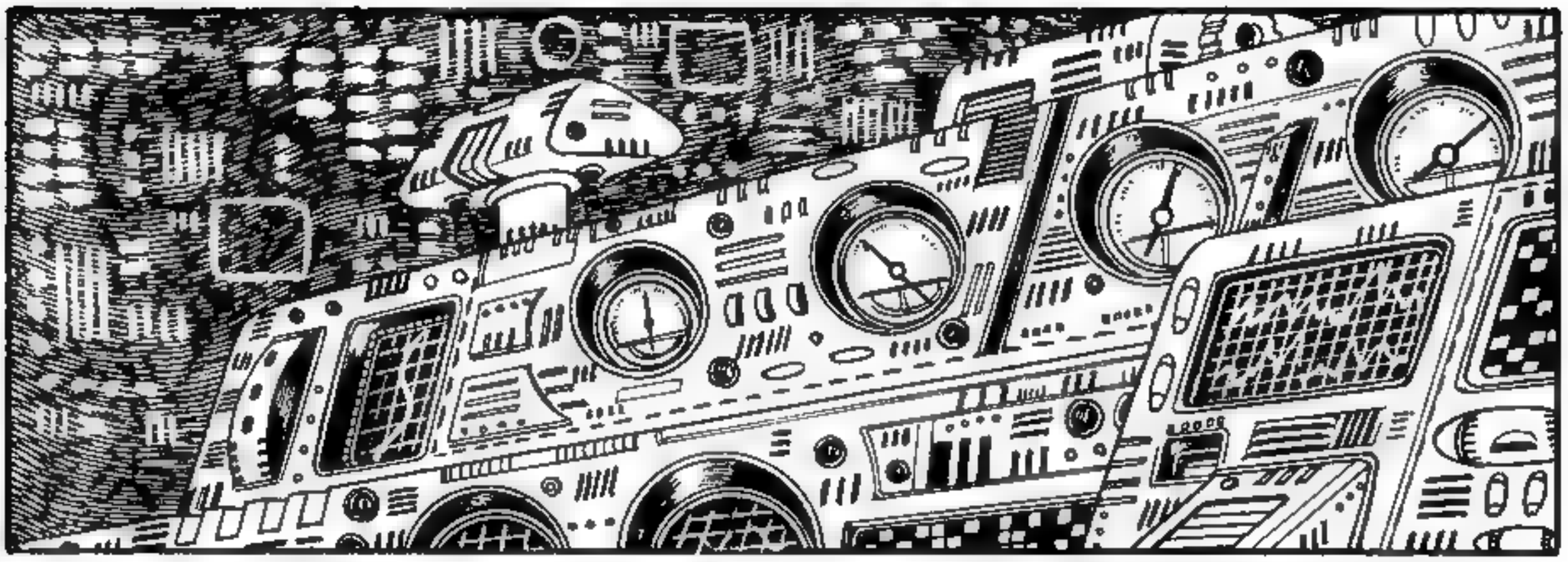
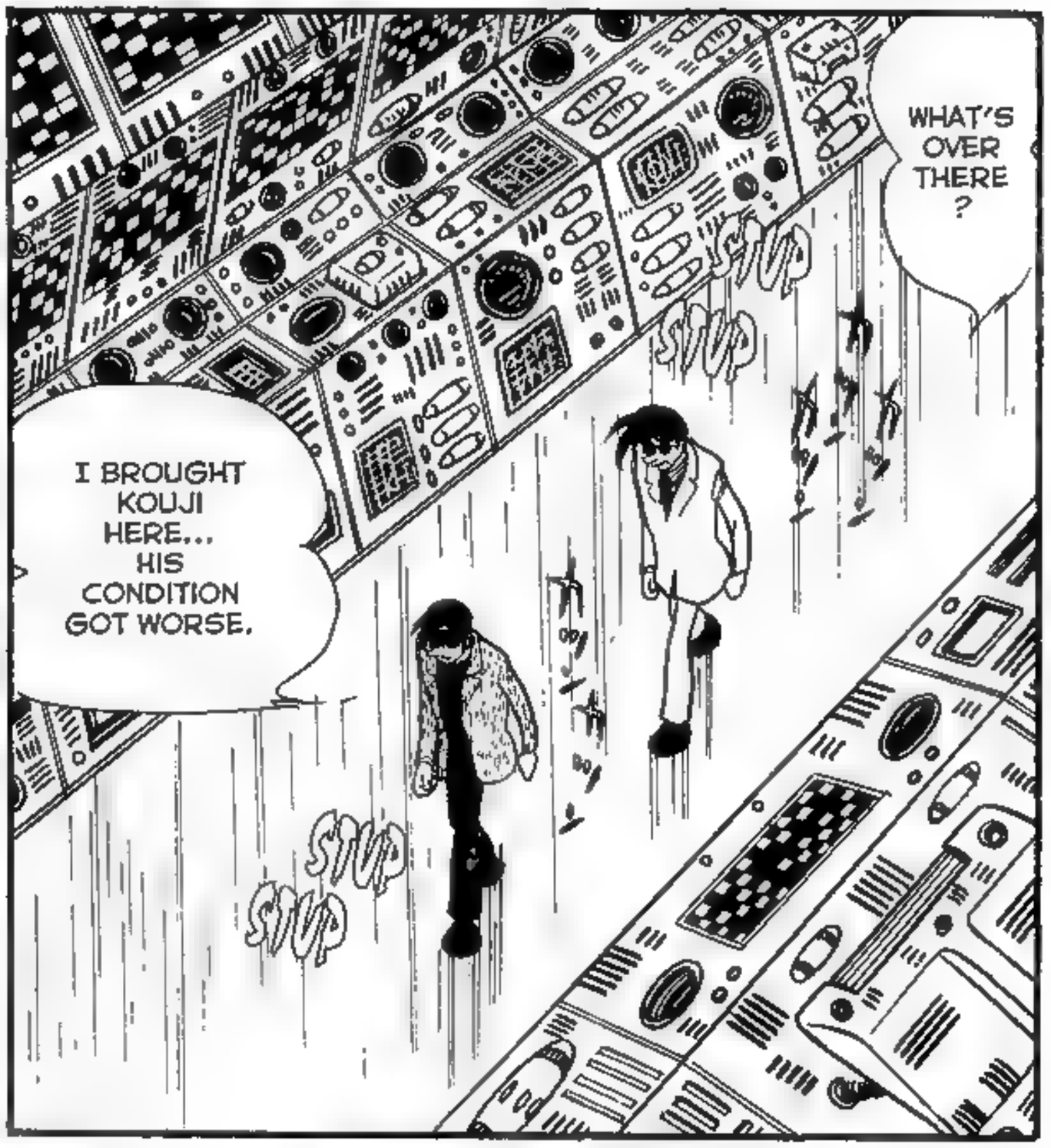
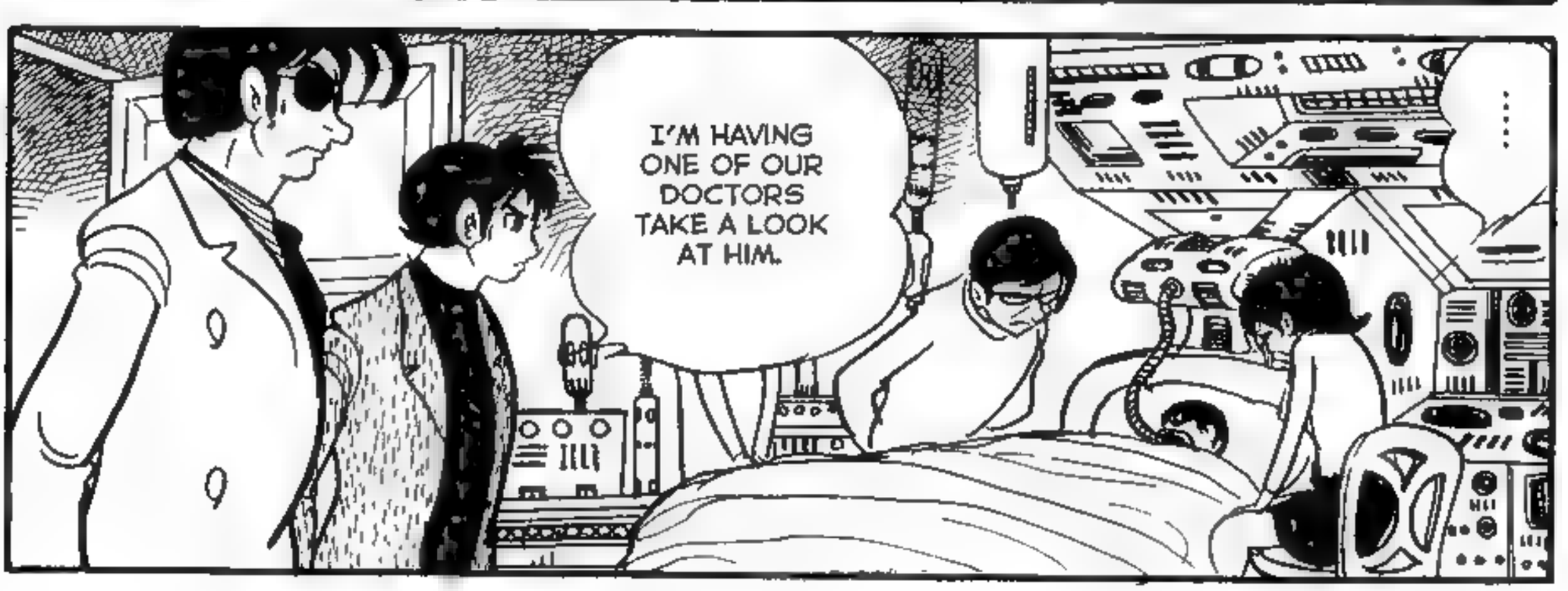
THE DIRECTIONS YOU LEFT FOR ME AT THE FRONT DESK OF THE HOTEL WERE EASY TO FOLLOW.
I'M GLAD YOU MADE IT...
THERE WAS NOTHING USEFUL IN MR. KUSAKA'S SAFE.
GOOD. LET'S TAKE HIM TO THE LAB.
SO I BROUGHT YOU MR. KUSAKA INSTEAD! HE'S PROBABLY FULL OF DIRTY SECRETS!
LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE A FULL HOUSE TONIGHT!
MY MY...




WHAT'S OVER THERE ?
I BROUGHT KOUJI HERE... HIS CONDITION GOT WORSE.
SYUP SYUP


I'M HAVING ONE OF OUR DOCTORS TAKE A LOOK AT HIM.
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DAMNIT!

I BET SHOCKER HAS ALL KINDS OF SCIENTISTS THAT COULD CURE KOUJI!

THEY'RE SO FAR AHEAD IN MEDICAL SCIENCES...

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO... WE DON'T HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY OR SKILL TO CURE LEUKEMIA.

I TAKE IT THE NEWS ISN'T GOOD?

LEUKEMIA IS LIKE A CANCER OF THE BLOOD...

IF THEY'RE ABLE TO TURN HUMAN BEINGS INTO CYBORGS, THEY COULD PROBABLY USE SIMILAR METHODS TO DO A COMPLETE BLOOD TRANSFUSION ON KOUJI!

ARE YOU SAYING WE SHOULD BREAK INTO THEIR FACILITY AND KIDNAP A DOCTOR!?

HUH !?

SWAP

SO WHY DON'T WE BORROW ONE OF THEIR GOOD DOCTORS?

LET'S HAVE A LITTLE CHAT WITH OUR DEAR FRIEND MR. PRESIDENT OF HINOSHITA. MAYBE HE'S FEELING CHARITABLE?

SNIP SNIP SNIP

IF THEY ARE KEEPING THE BRAIN IN AN UNDERGROUND FACILITY, IT MUST BE AN IMPORTANT PLACE. CHANCES ARE, THEY'LL HAVE AT LEAST A FEW OF THEIR DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS STATIONED THERE.

THIS TELEVISION SET AND WRISTWATCH ARE THE TOOLS SHOCKER WAS USING TO CONTROL JUNKO!

BEFORE WE DO THAT, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW YOU...

AN ELEC-TRONIC WATCH AND COLOR TELE-VISION SET...

I SEE... THEY'RE BOTH MADE BY HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS.

THAT'S HOW THEY SENT COMMANDS TO HER!

THEY EACH HAD AN EXTRA COMPONENT BUILT INTO THEM THAT WOULD EMIT A UNIQUE SIGNAL...

VIVID, LIFELIKE IMAGES!

NEW!!

HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS INC.

NOW LOOK AT THIS AD...

HM?

THEY'RE BOTH SET TO GO ON SALE IN OCTOBER!

...AND THIS IS THE AD FOR THE WRIST-WATCH.

THE WRISTWATCH OF THE FUTURE!

HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS INC.

WHAT!? YOU'RE RIGHT... IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW!

THIS IS IT! THIS IS THEIR "OCTOBER PROJECT"!!

CAN YOU IMAGINE?

EVERYONE WILL WANT TO BUY THESE!!

LOOK AT THE PRICES!

THEIR PRICES ARE ONLY A TENTH OF THOSE OF OTHER COMPARABLE PRODUCTS!!

YET THE PRODUCT ITSELF IS TEN TIMES BETTER THAN ANYTHING ON THE MARKET TODAY!

THEY'D SIMPLY MAKE THOSE ACCUSATIONS DISAPPEAR, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER!

OTHER MANUFACTURERS WILL NO DOUBT ACCUSE HINOSHITA OF UNFAIR PRICING, BUT THAT'S WHERE SHOCKER'S CONNECTIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT COME IN...

THAT'S TRUE!

THEN, THEY'D JUST USE THE BRAIN TO MONITOR AND CONTROL THE SIGNALS EMITTED BY THE TELEVISION SET AND WRISTWATCH...

YES!

EVERY HOUSEHOLD THAT OWNS THESE ITEMS WOULD INSTANTLY BE UNDER SHOCKER'S CONTROL!

WE MUST DESTROY THE BRAIN!!

SINCE BOTH TELEVISION SETS AND WRISTWATCHES CAN BE FOUND IN JUST ABOUT EVERY HOME IN JAPAN THESE DAYS...

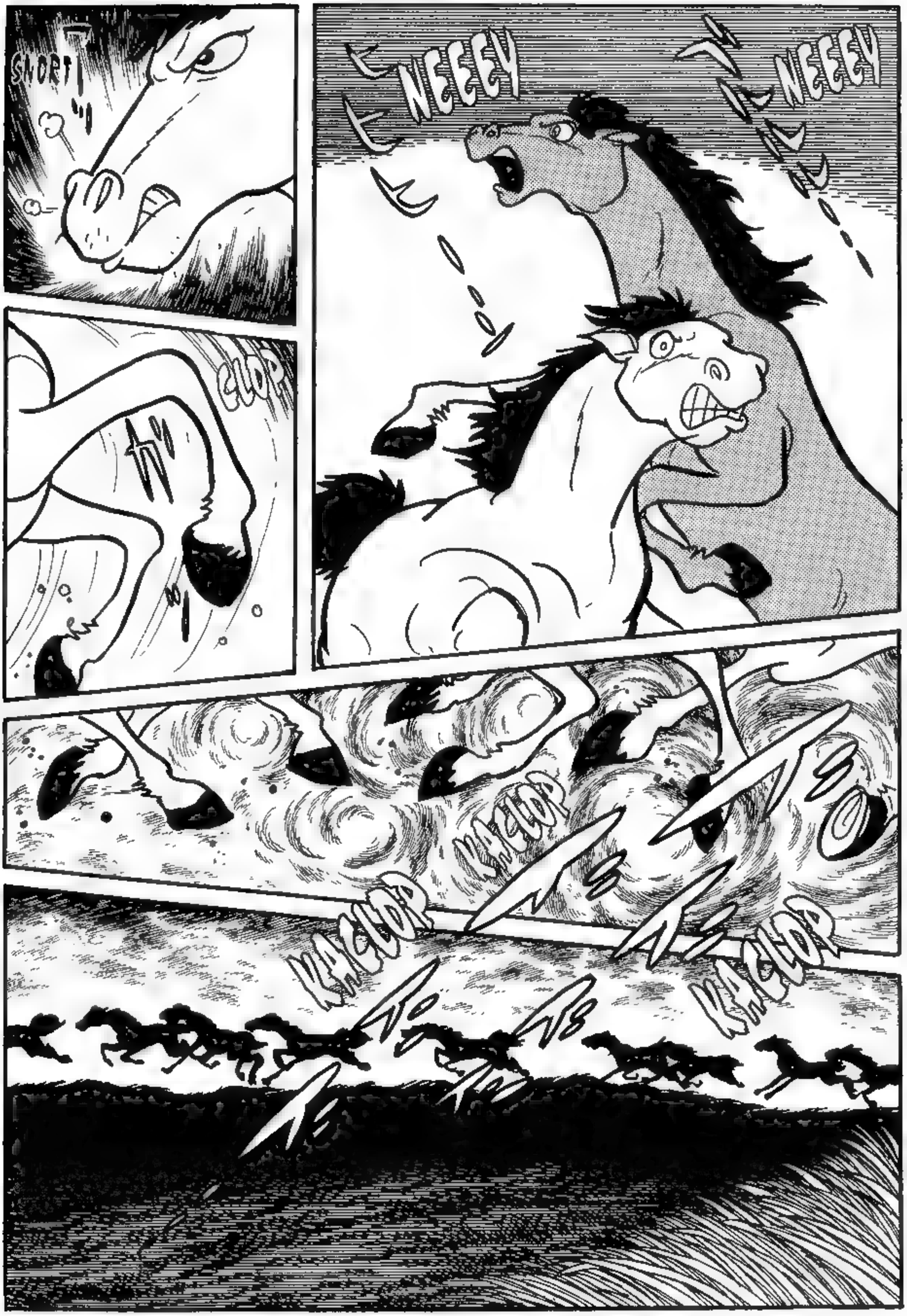
...SHOCKER COULD CONTROL THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNTRY ONCE THESE ITEMS HIT THE STORES!

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO NOW...

THERE'S A CHANCE HE WILL FORGET EVERYTHING AS SOON AS YOU TAKE IT OFF...

DON'T REMOVE HIS WRIST-WATCH!

WE'LL HAVE TO TALK TO HIM IN HIS CURRENT STATE!


SNORT
NEEEY
NEEEY
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP

WEEEE
KPCLOP KPCLOP
WHAT THE...!?
HUH!?

NEEEEY
SNORT
...

KACLOP
KACLOP
KACLOP

KACLOP KACLOP KACLOP

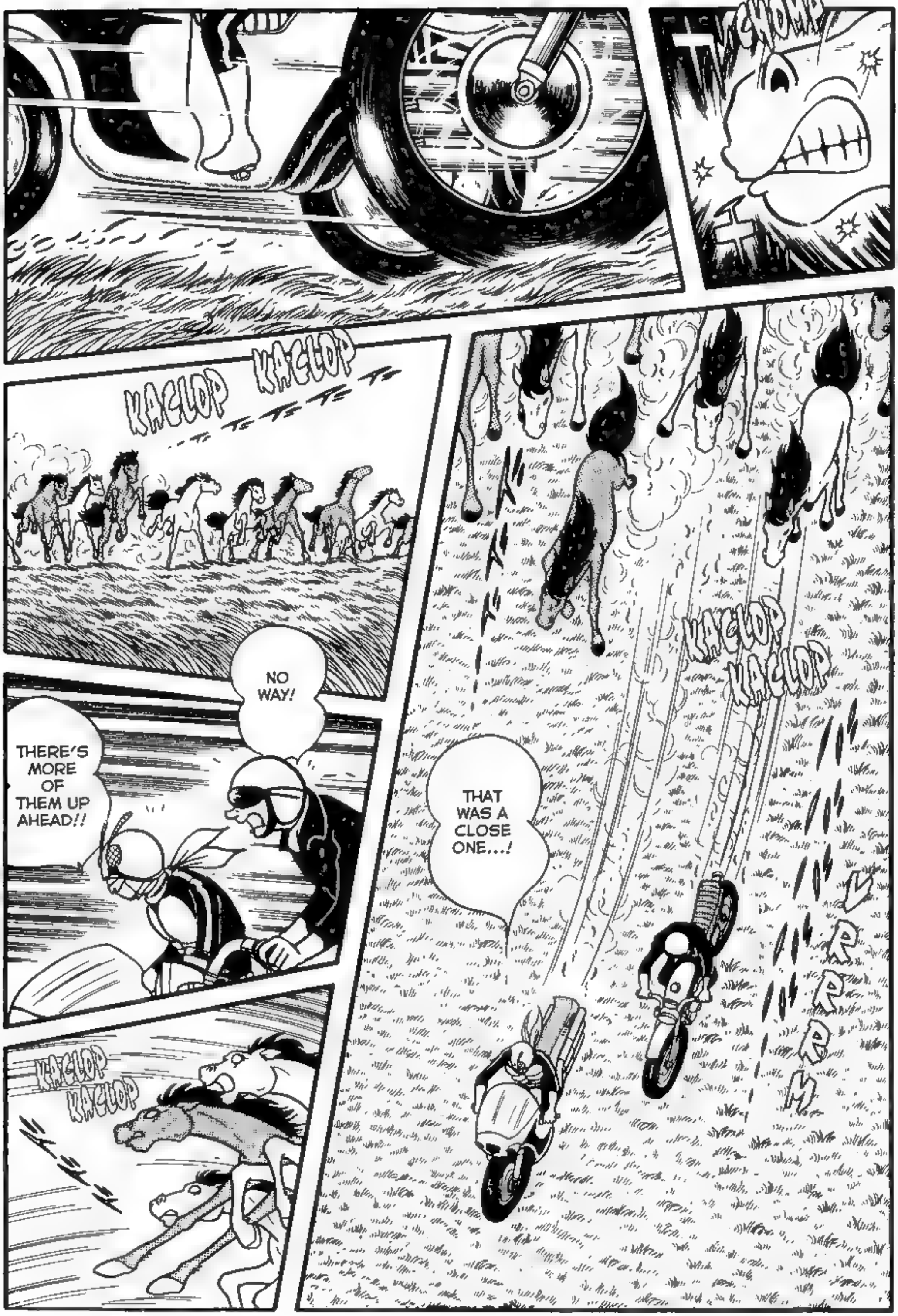
WHOA !!

GO! GO!!

WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON IF WE DON'T WANT TO GET TRAMPLED!!

THEY'VE GONE MAD!

KACLOP KACLOP


KACLOP KACLOP
NO WAY!
THERE'S MORE OF THEM UP AHEAD!!
KACLOP KACLOP
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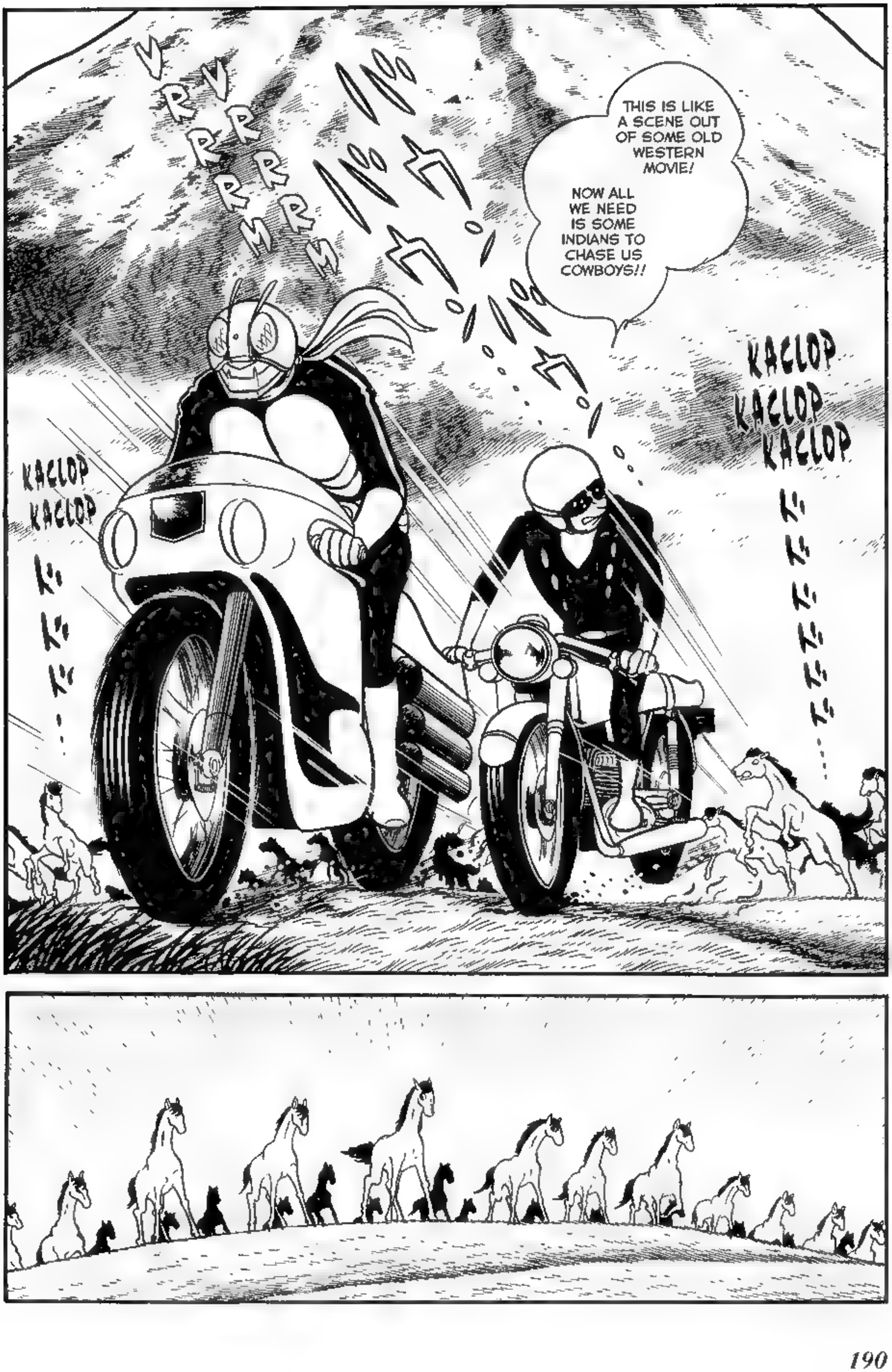
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE...!


VRRR

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!
YAYAYA
YAYA
YAYA
KA-CLOP-KA-CLOP-KA-CLOP
KA-CLOP-KA-CLOP
THEY'RE GETTING FASTER!
THIS IS NOT GOOD... REALLY NOT GOOD!
KA-CLOP KA-CLOP
YPPPPPY
SKEW

YOU HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND THEY'RE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A GIANT COMPUTER BRAIN!

THEY HAVE US SURROUNDED! I DON'T REMEMBER HORSES BEING SUCH TACTICAL CREATURES...

IF THIS IS OUR "GREAT ESCAPE"... YOU'RE STEVE MCQUEEN!!
LET'S GO!!
VRRR
VRRR
VRRR

KA-CLOP
KA-CLOP
KA-CLOP
KA-CLOP

SNORT

THUD

THUD

THUD

CHOMP

YAAAAH!

KEEP GOING!!

VRRRM

WAH !!

GAG

VRRRRM

THAT'S GOING TO MAKE THIS EVEN HARDER!

BUT SURELY THE PEOPLE IN THE UNDERGROUND BASE HAVE BECOME AWARE OF OUR PRESENCE BY NOW!

I THINK WE LOST THEM...

WHEW!

THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW THAT FOR SURE.

EITHER WAY, GETTING PAST THEM IS GOING TO BE TRICKY!

THOSE HORSES MAY SIMPLY HAVE A PRE-SET COMMAND TO CHARGE AT ANYTHING OR ANYONE THEY PERCEIVE AS INTRUDERS.

ARE YOU CALLING IN MS. HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS'S BIKER FRIENDS TO HELP?

I'M KIND OF BUSY OVER HERE WITH OFFICIAL BUSINESS STUFF...

DON'T WORRY... KAMEN RIDER ALWAYS HAS A PLAN B!

HELLO? HAYATO ICHIMONJI HERE... HELLO?

SPEAKING OF... THAT GIRL SURE IS THE COMPLETE PACKAGE, ISN'T SHE?

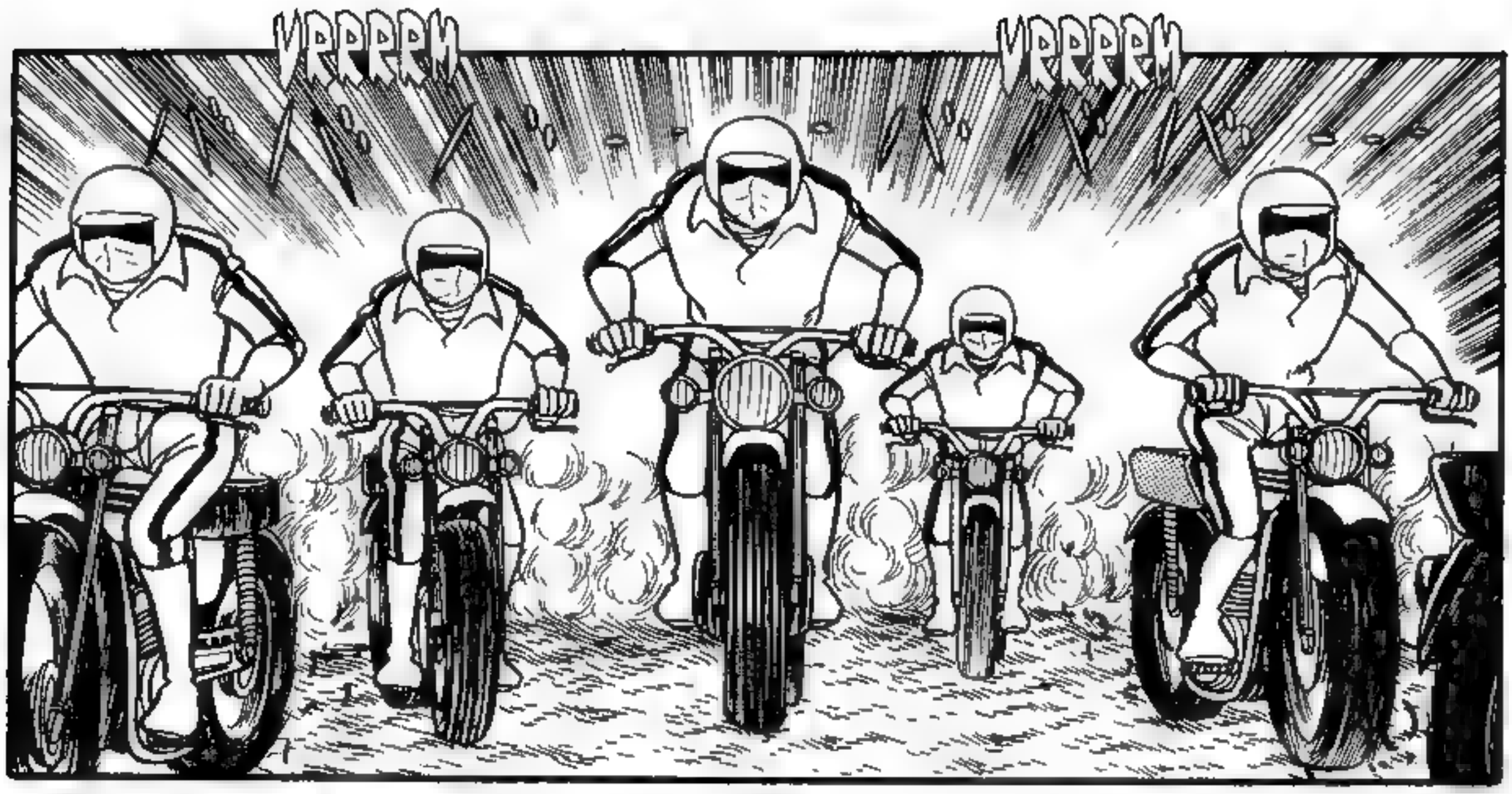
SNORT

VRRRRM

VRERRRM

VRERRRM

VRERRRRRRM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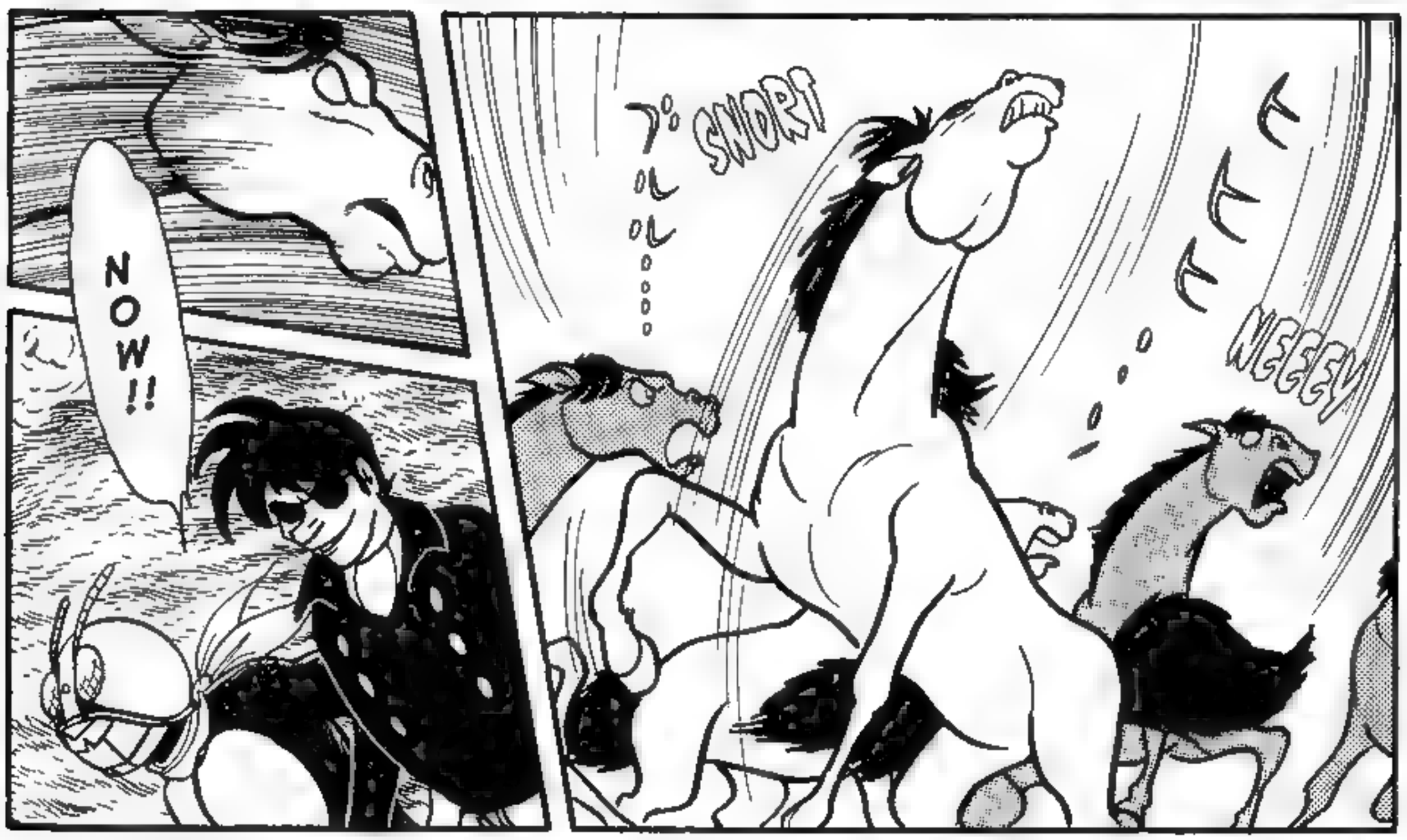
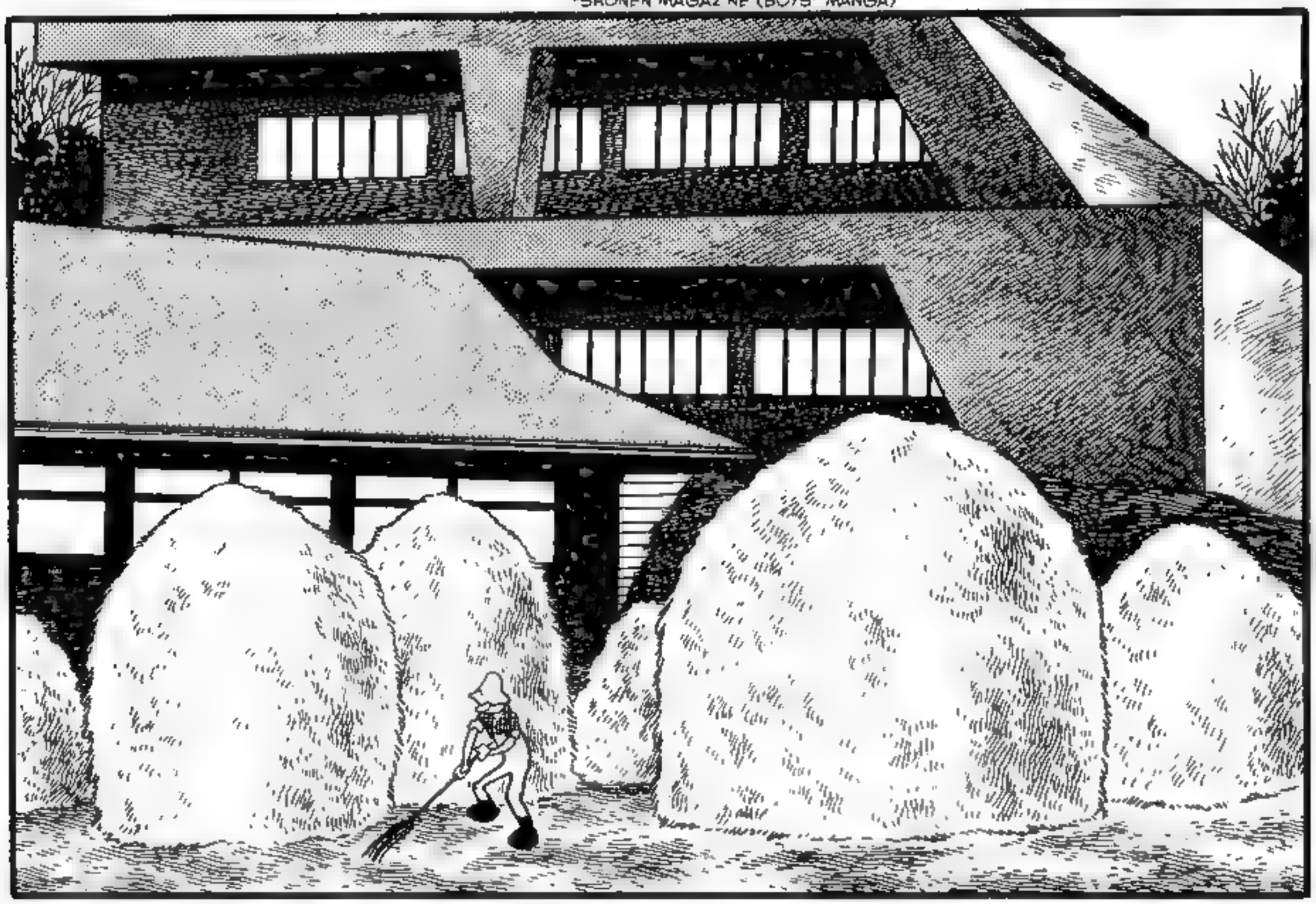
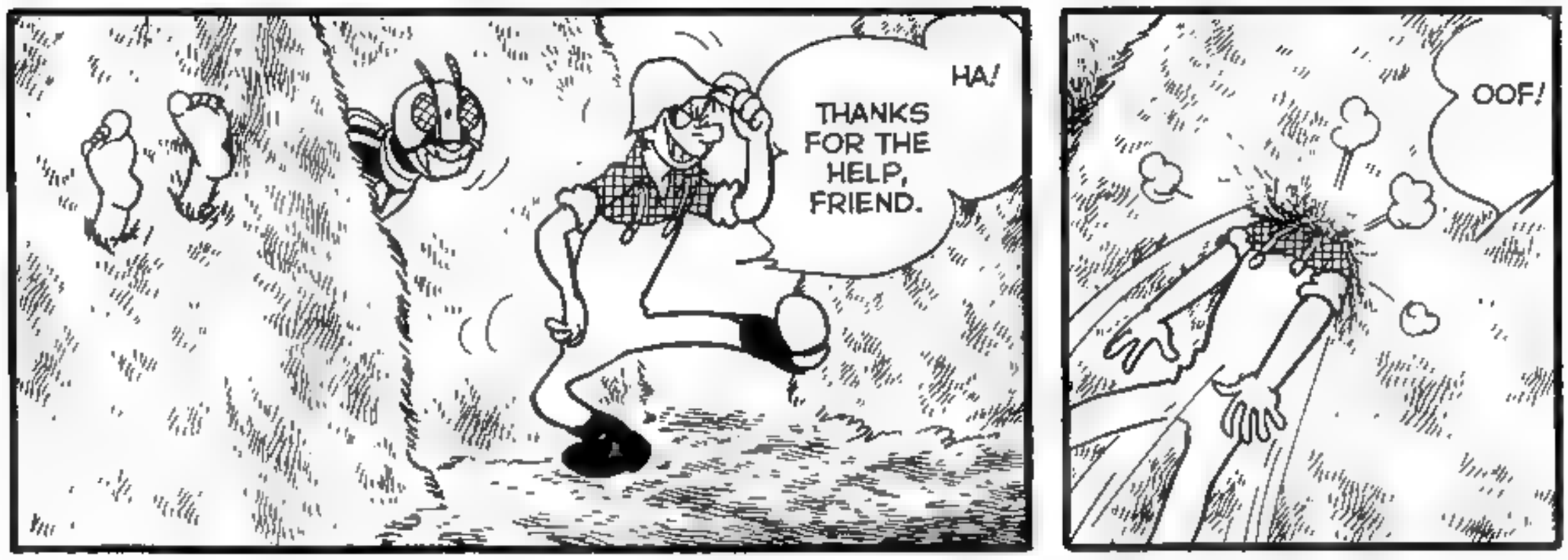

NOW!!
SNORT
NEEEH

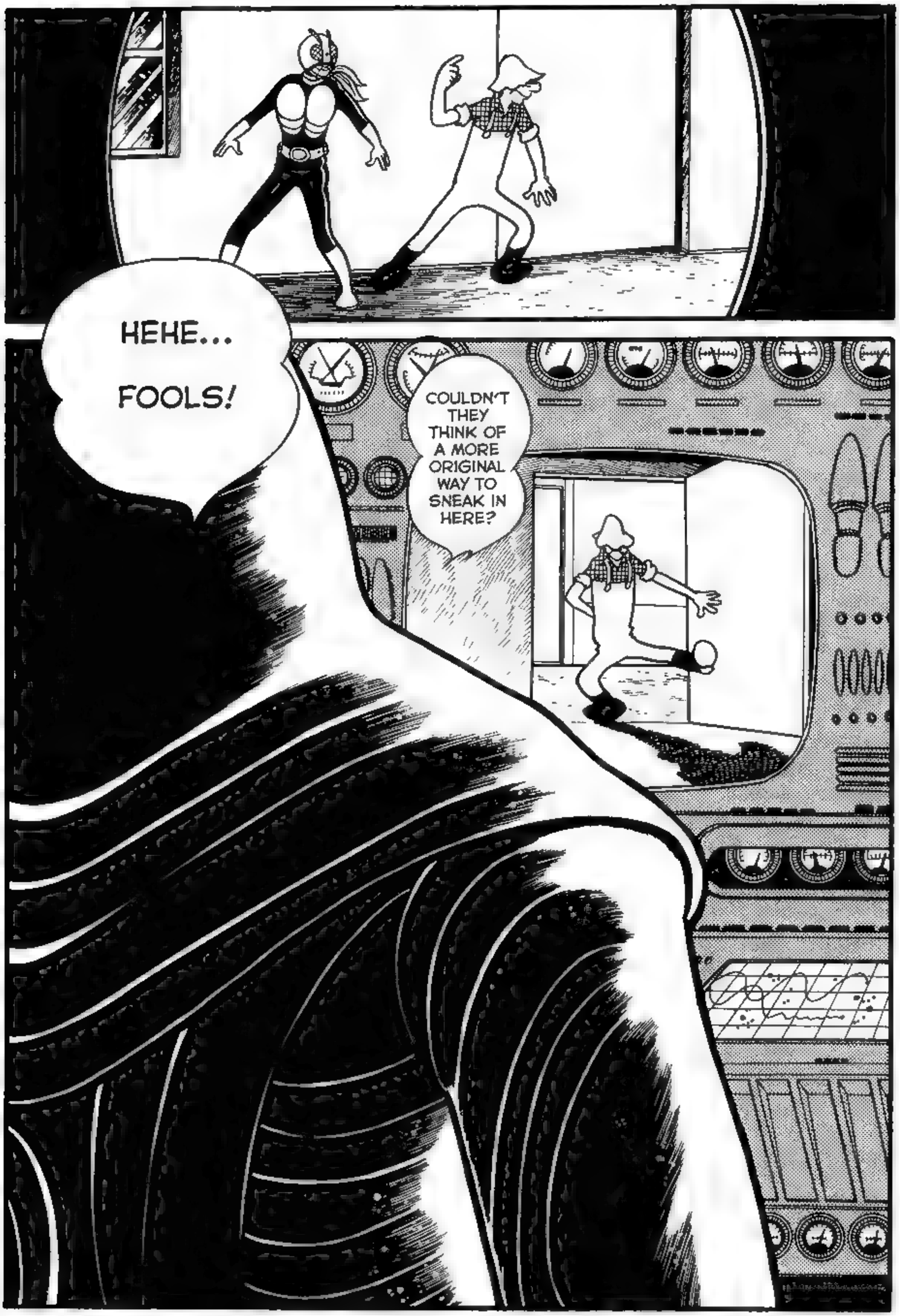
... WE'LL SNEAK IN!
WHILE THEY DISTRACT THE HORSES...

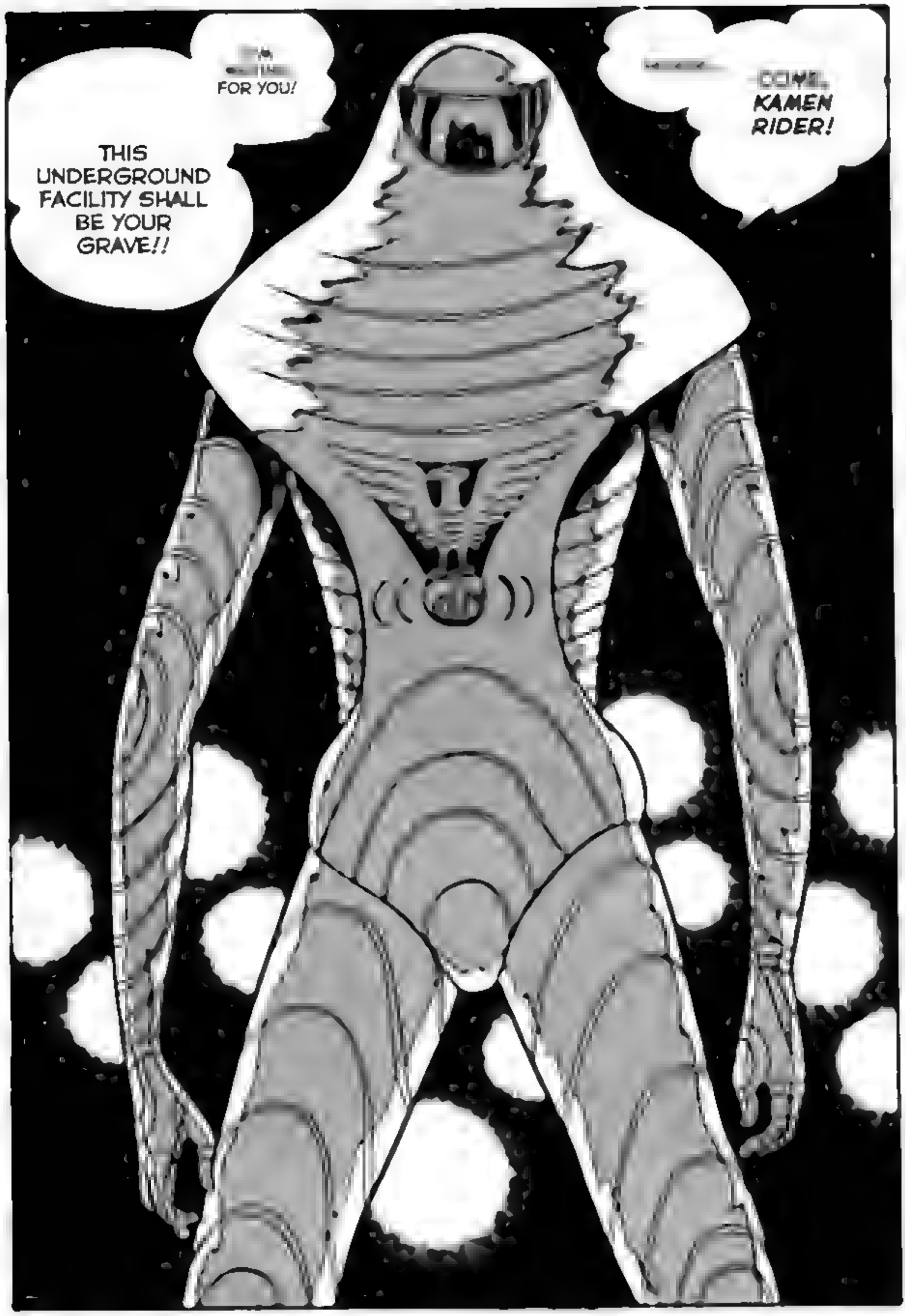
LOOKS LIKE A GROUP OF BIKERS ARE RIDING AROUND IN THE FIELDS.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE HORSES SEEM MORE WORKED UP THAN USUAL...

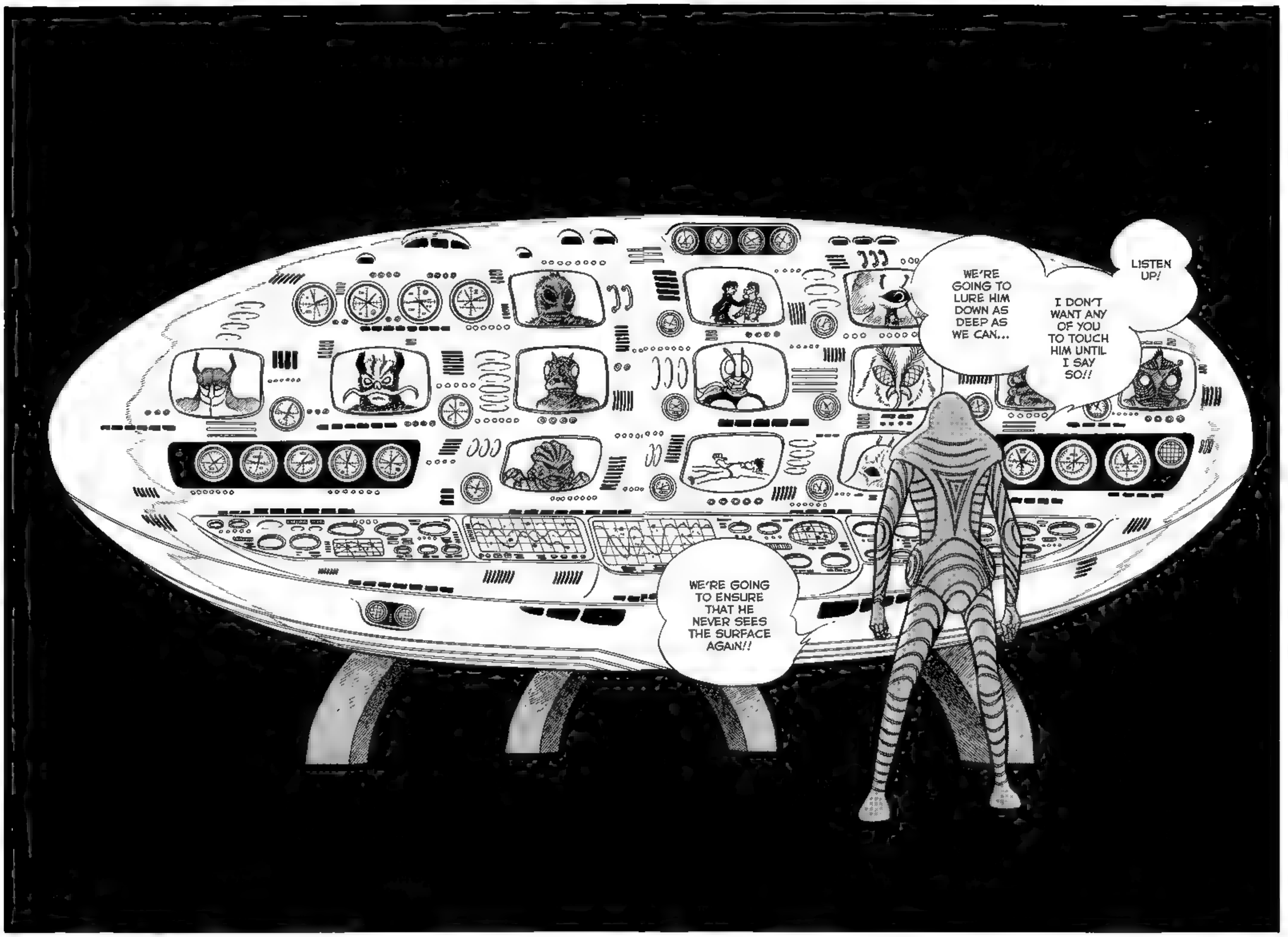
*SHONEN MAGAZINE (BOYS' MANGA)






HEHE...
FOOLS!
COULDN'T THEY THINK OF A MORE ORIGINAL WAY TO SNEAK IN HERE?

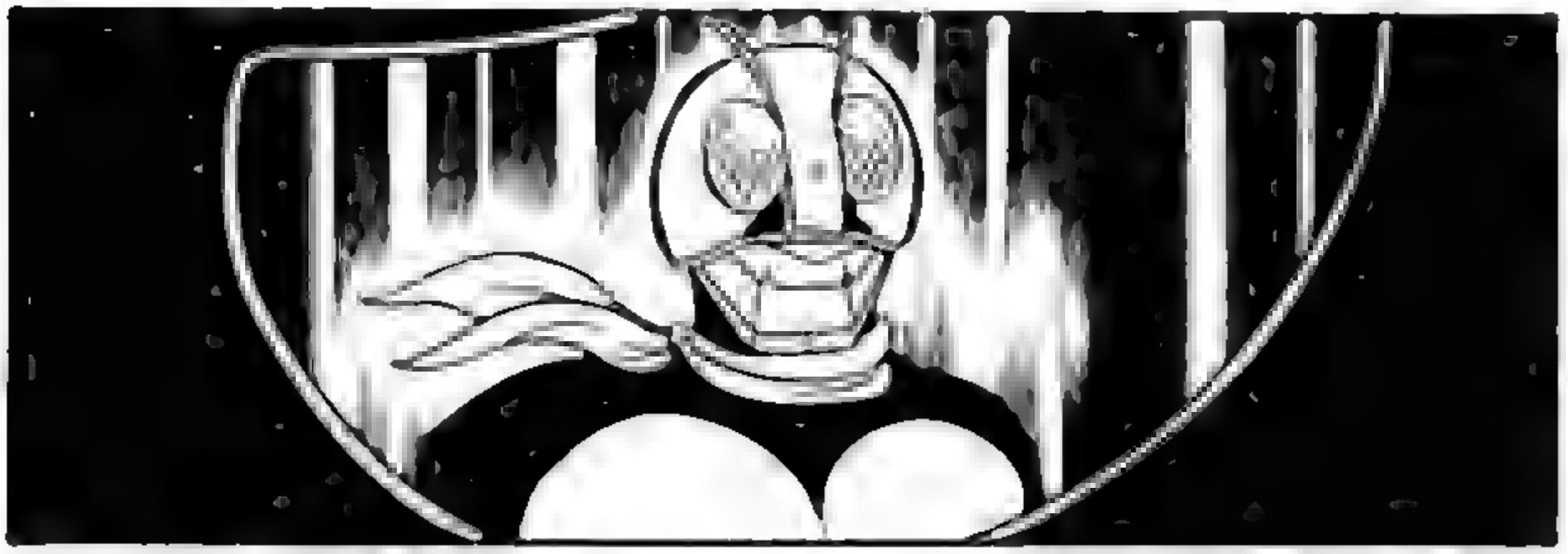

FOR YOU!
THIS UNDERGROUND FACILITY SHALL BE YOUR GRAVE!!
COME, KAMEN RIDER!


WE'RE GOING TO LURE HIM DOWN AS DEEP AS WE CAN...
I DON'T WANT ANY OF YOU TO TOUCH HIM UNTIL I SAY SO!!
LISTEN UP!
WE'RE GOING TO ENSURE THAT HE NEVER SEES THE SURFACE AGAIN!!

: HAVE A SPECIAL KILLER PREPARED JUST FOR YOU!

HEHEHE... THAT'S RIGHT, KAMEN RIDER...

TODAY IS THE DAY.



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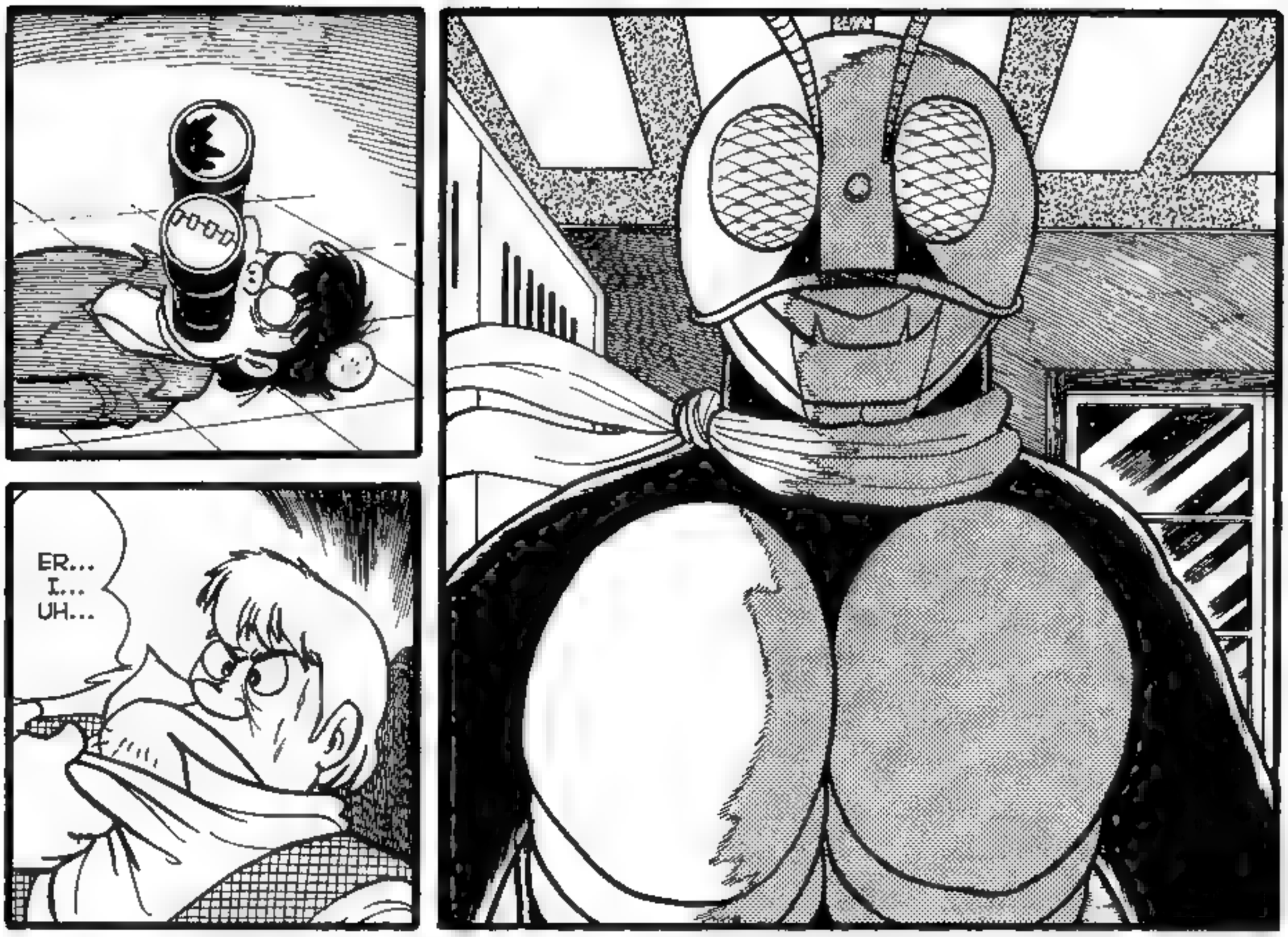
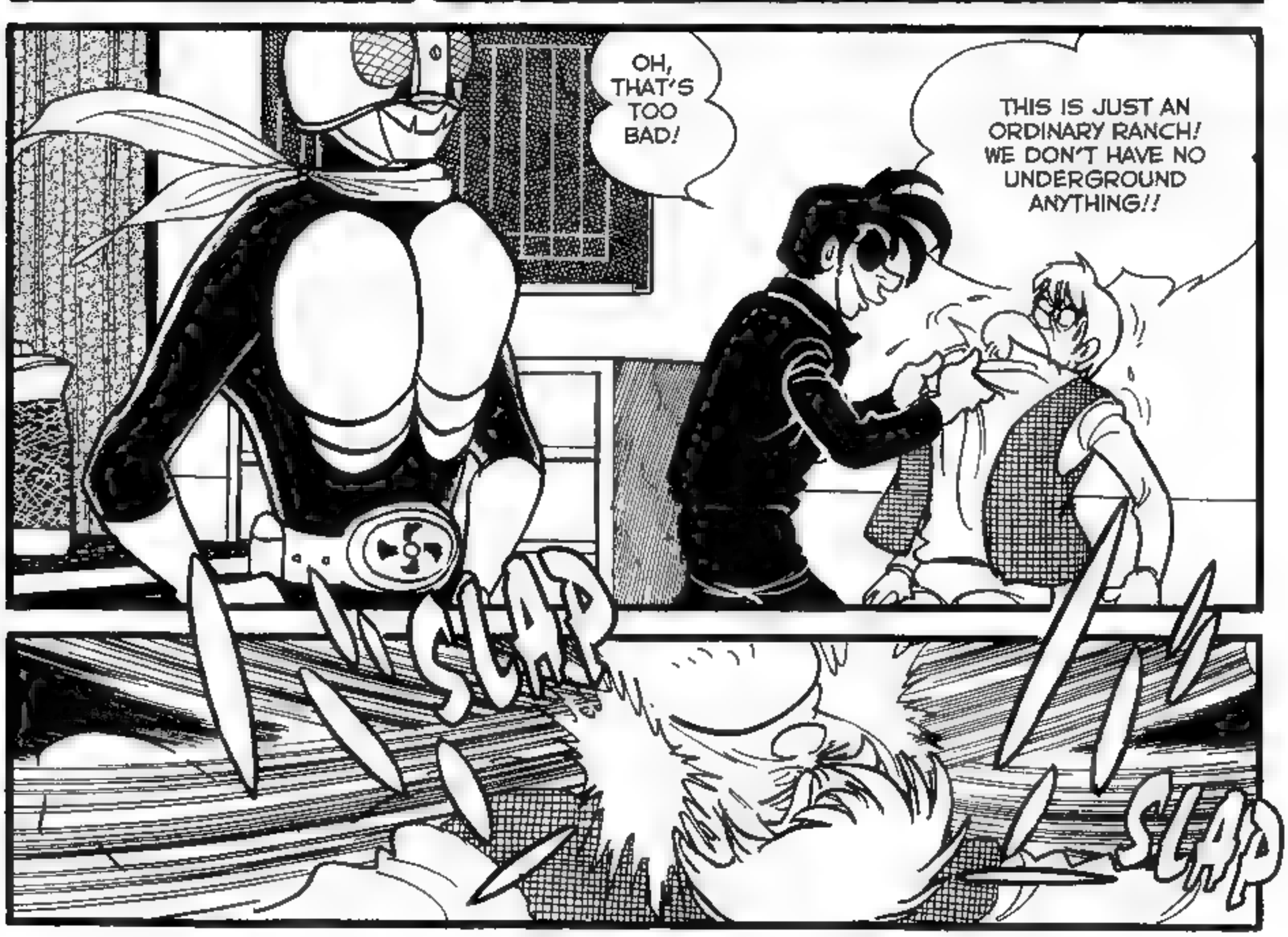

ER...
I...
UH...


OH, THAT'S TOO BAD!
THIS IS JUST AN ORDINARY RANCH! WE DON'T HAVE NO UNDERGROUND ANYTHING!!
SLAP
SLAP

YES! YES!!

I REMEMBER NOW!!

GEEP!

DID THAT JOG YOUR MEMORY ENOUGH?

HOW ABOUT NOW?

MUCH OBLIGED.

OVER HERE...

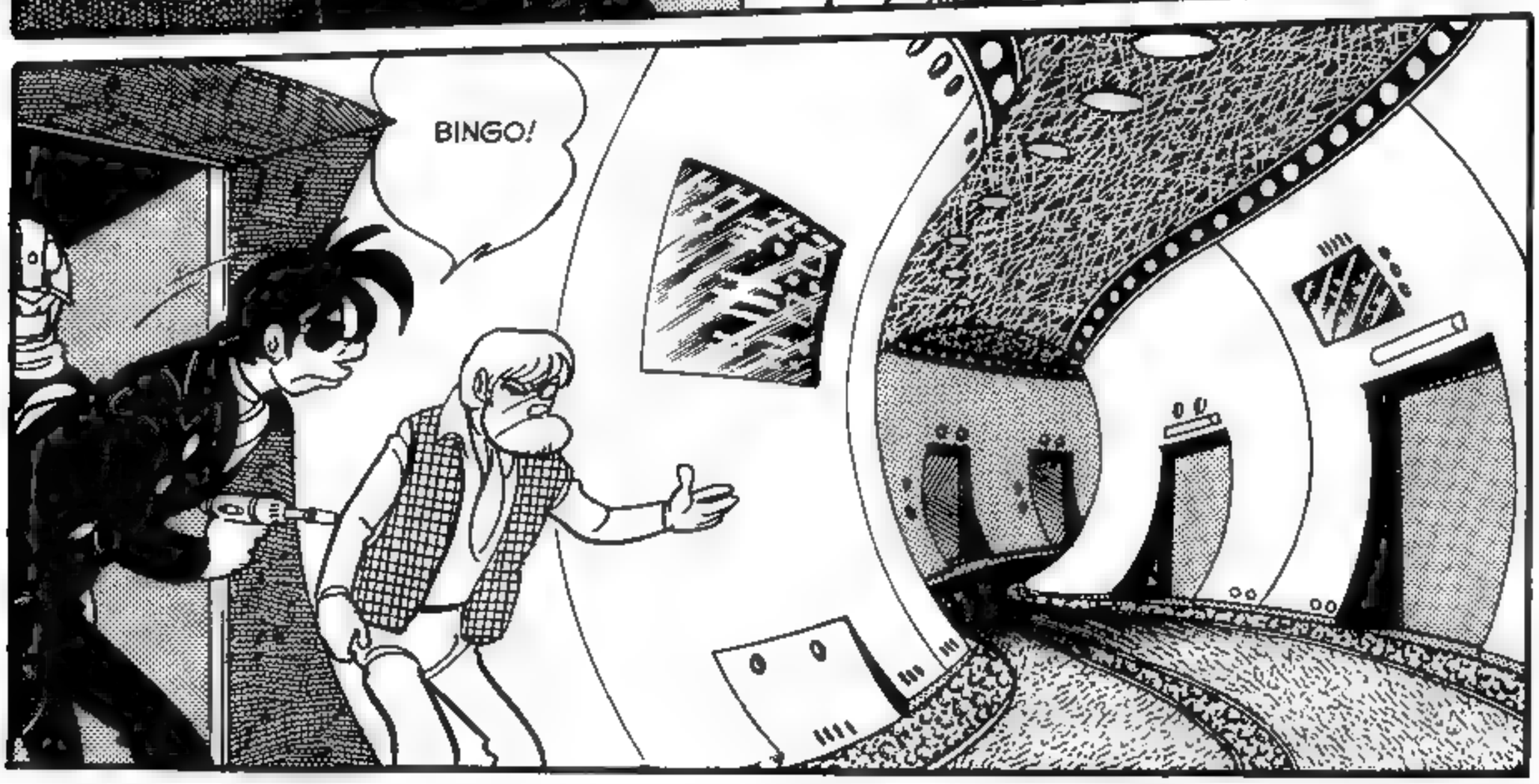
DON'T MAKE ANY SUDDEN MOVEMENTS, OLD MAN.

IN THERE ?

CLICK ?

HUH !?
KA-SHUNK

THE WHOLE ROOM IS ONE BIG ELEVATOR!
OH, I GET IT...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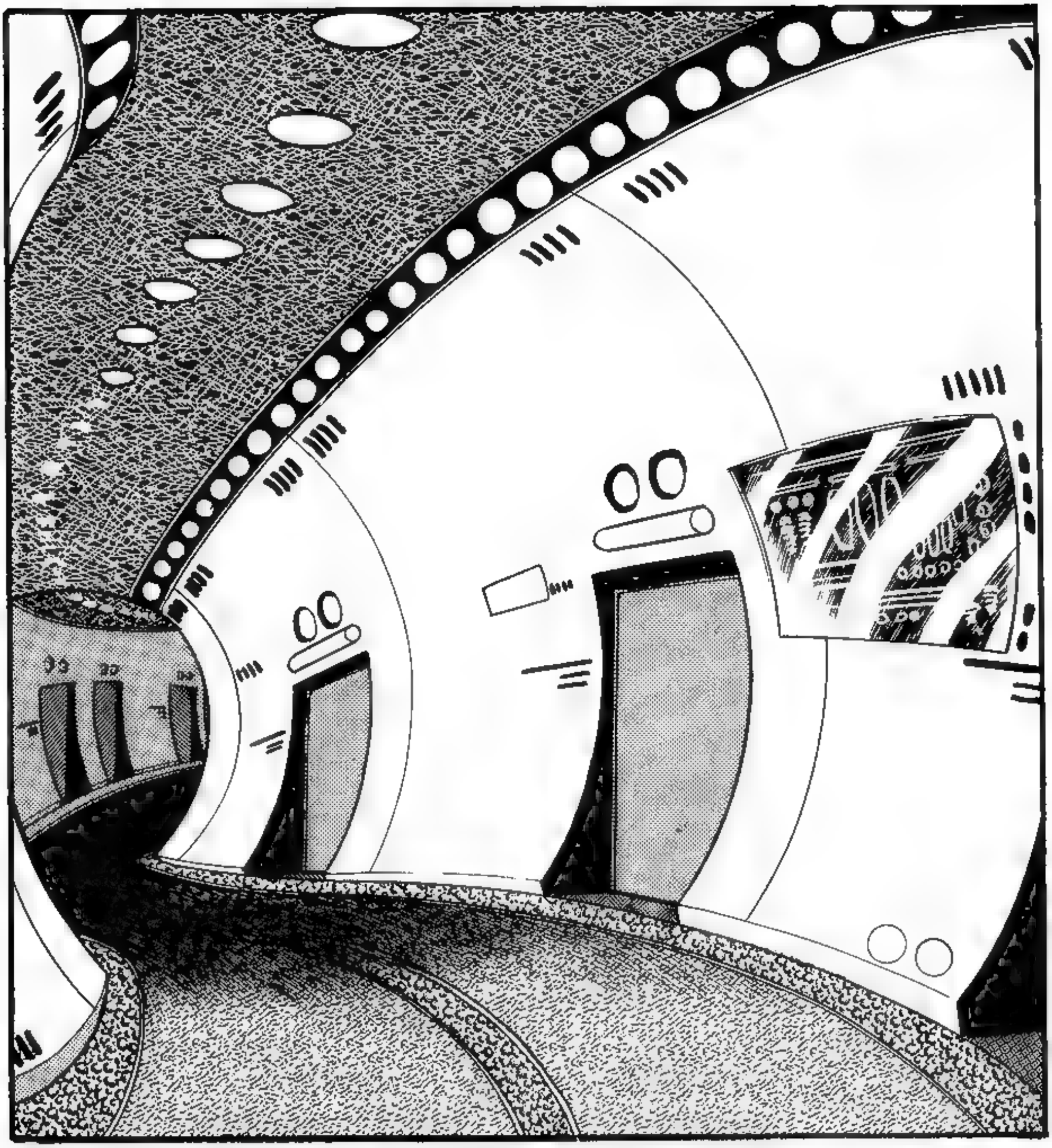


CLICK

WHAT? HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
AAAND THAT'S ALL THE TIME WE HAVE FOR TODAY!
BACK WE GO!

HAYATO!

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!?

KRASHUNK

WHACK

THINGS NEVER GO THIS EASILY WHEN SHOCKER'S INVOLVED!

AREN'T YOU THE LEAST BIT SUSPICIOUS !?

I'M GLAD WE WERE ABLE TO TAKE THE ELEVATOR BACK UP...

.....

DISH

YOU NEED TO LEAVE!

OKAY ...

SKWK

HUH ?

IF THAT'S THE CASE...

NO DOUBT THEY HAVE A NICE LITTLE AMBUSH SET UP FOR US DOWN THERE.

THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD JUST WALK RIGHT IN HERE LIKE THIS UNLESS THEY'RE ALREADY WATCHING US!

I'M GOING WITH YOU!!

WHAT?

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY KIND OF SPECIAL PROTECTION... YOU'D JUST BE GOING DOWN THERE TO DIE!

EVEN I CAN'T BE CERTAIN THAT I'LL MAKE IT OUT OF THERE ALIVE!

NO, LISTEN...

I NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND JUST HOW DANGEROUS SHOCKER IS!

GRRRR

YOU JUST WANT TO TAKE ALL THE CREDIT FOR YOURSELF! BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU!!

...

THINK ABOUT IT... WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME DOWN THERE?

WHAT IF I DON'T COME OUT? IT'S GOING TO BE UP TO YOU AND THE FBI TO FINISH WHAT I STARTED!!

...

ALRIGHT...

FINE!

WE'LL GO BACK TO THE FBI AND GET THE PROPER EQUIPMENT. WE'LL COME BACK HERE WITH A WHOLE ARMY BEHIND US!

NO!

COME WITH ME! WE'LL LEAVE TOGETHER!

I'LL DO AS YOU SAY... BUT I WANT YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME!

THEY THINK THIS IS THEIR BEST CHANCE TO KILL ME!

THEY'RE GIVING ME THIS CHANCE BECAUSE I'M ALONE...

THEY PROBABLY WON'T LET US IN THEN.

SHOVE

WAIT, HAYATO! I...

BUT... IF I GO DOWN, I'M TAKING THE "OCTOBER PROJECT" WITH ME!!

BLAM BLAM BLAM

HAYATO !!

KAMEN RIDER !!

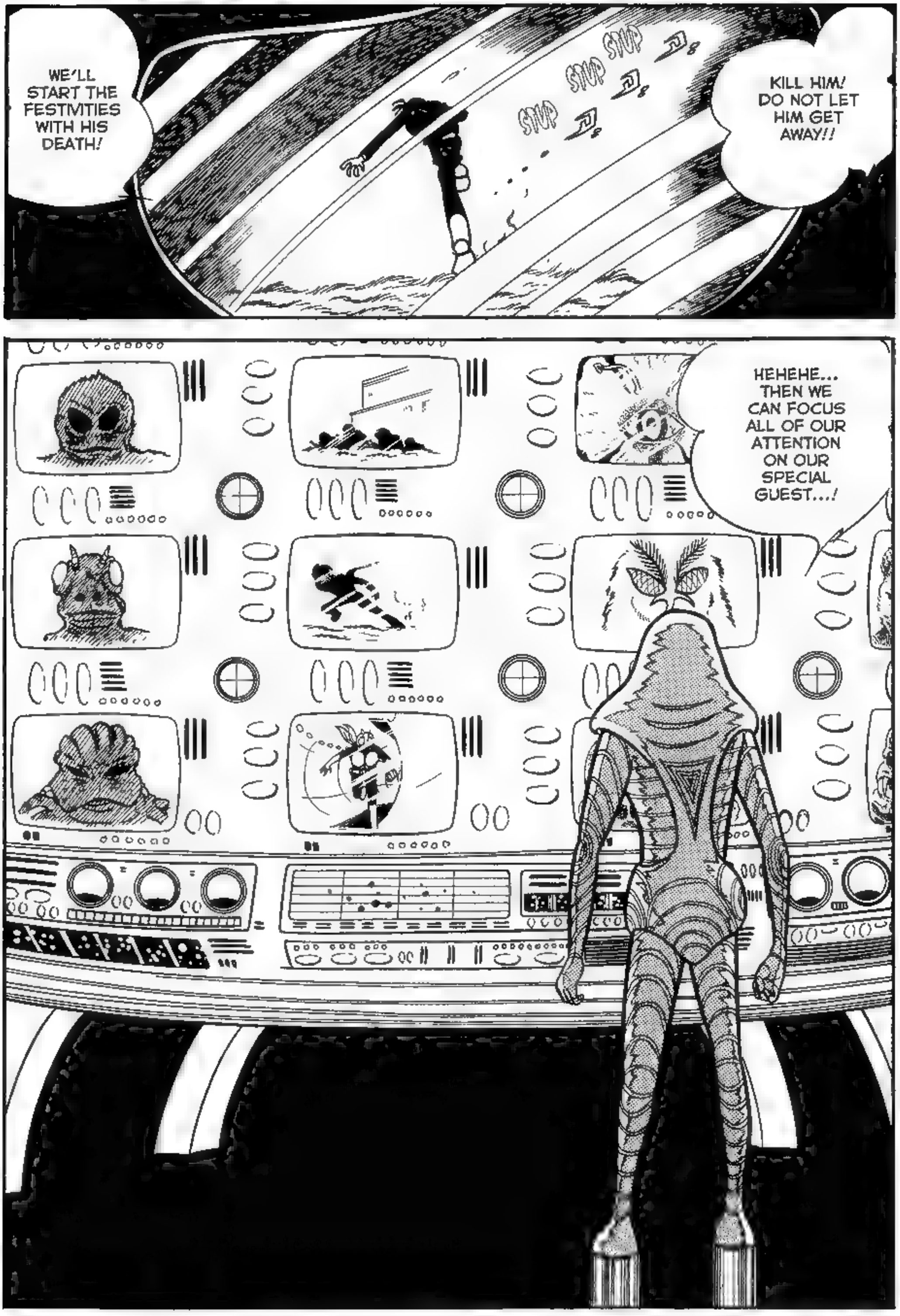
KASHUNK

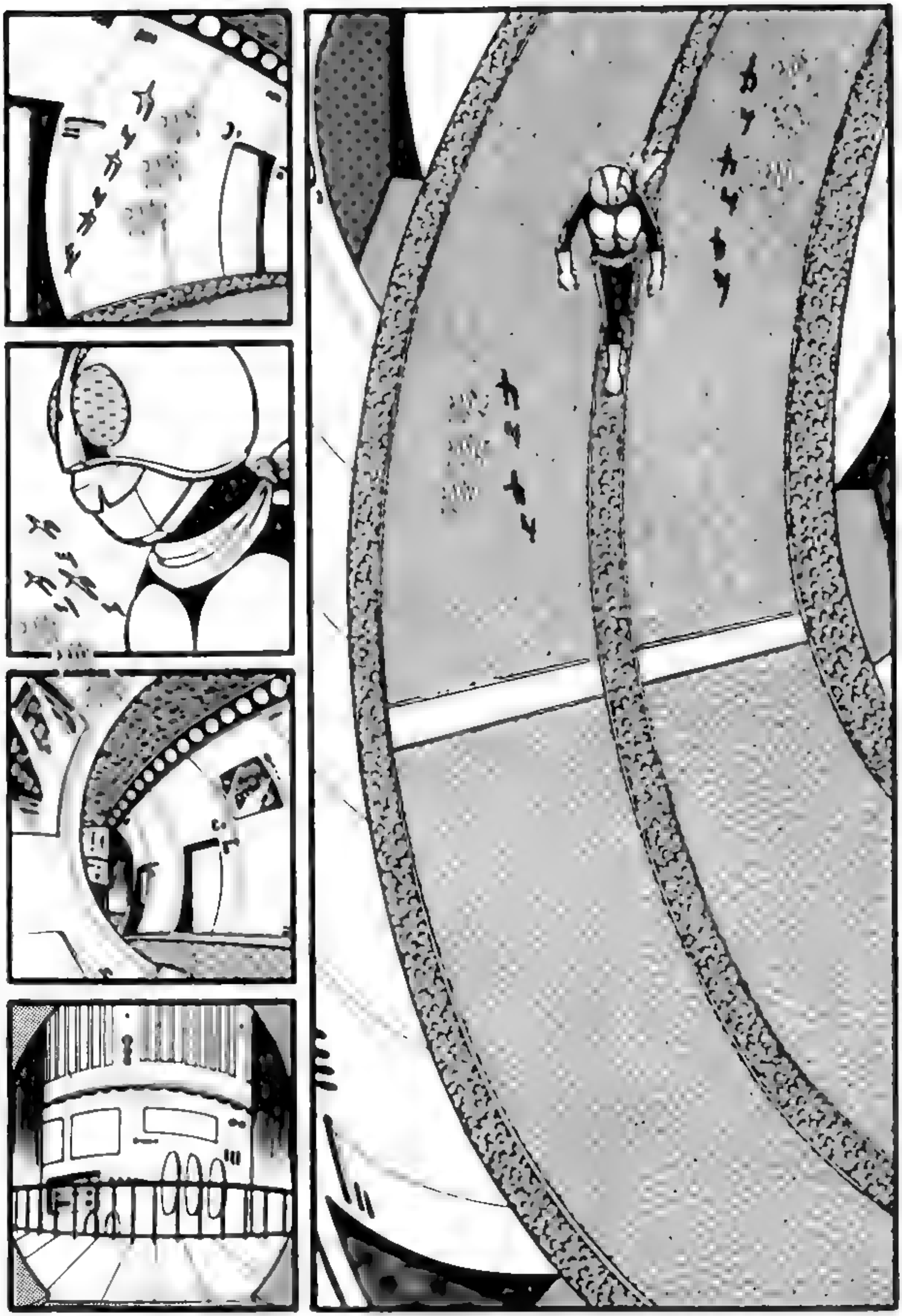
SLAM

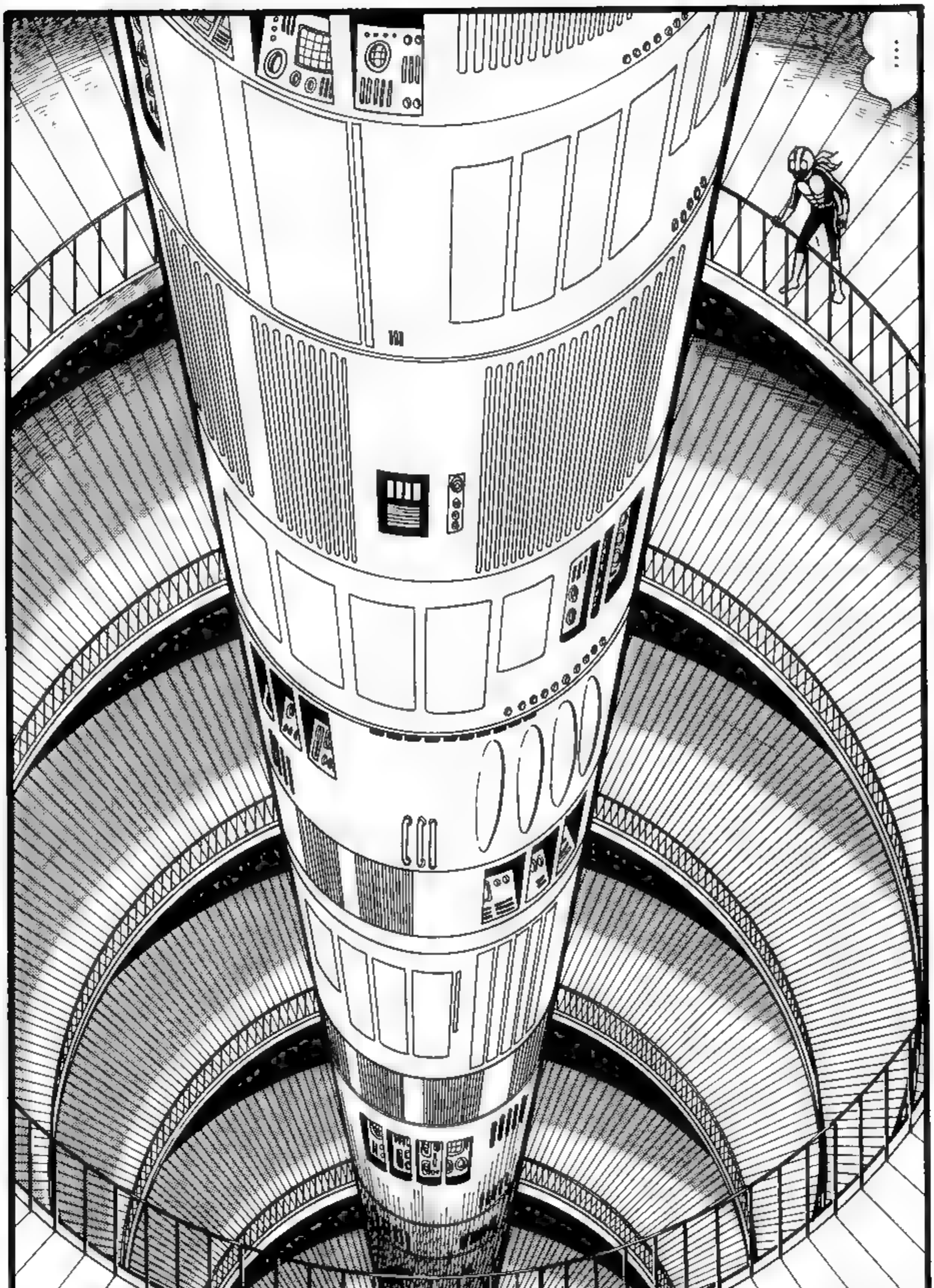
BLAM BLAM BLAM

DAMN IT!!

PEW PEW


WE'LL START THE FESTIVITIES WITH HIS DEATH!
SWP
SWP
SWP
KILL HIM! DO NOT LET HIM GET AWAY!!
HEHEHE... THEN WE CAN FOCUS ALL OF OUR ATTENTION ON OUR SPECIAL GUEST...!

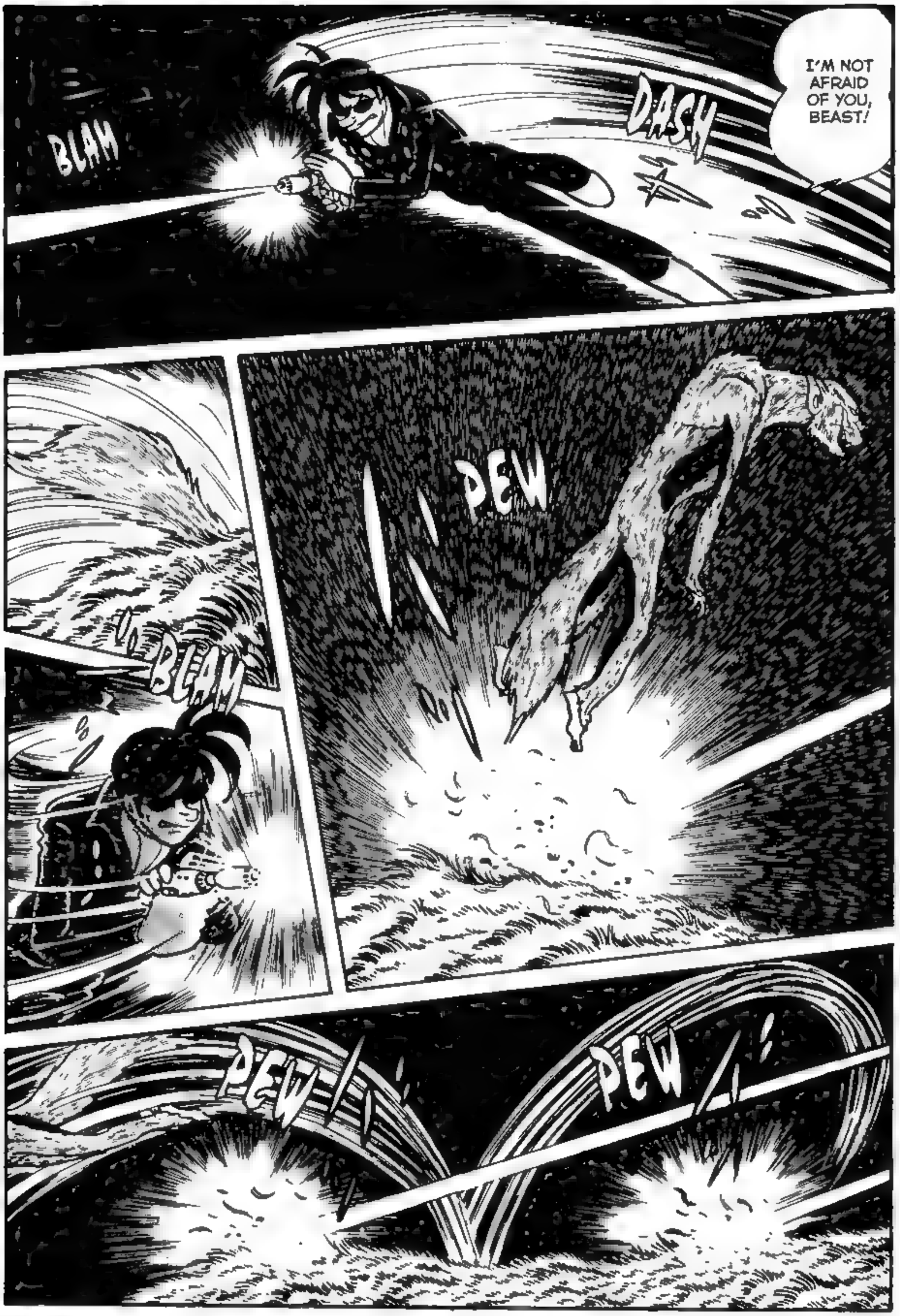


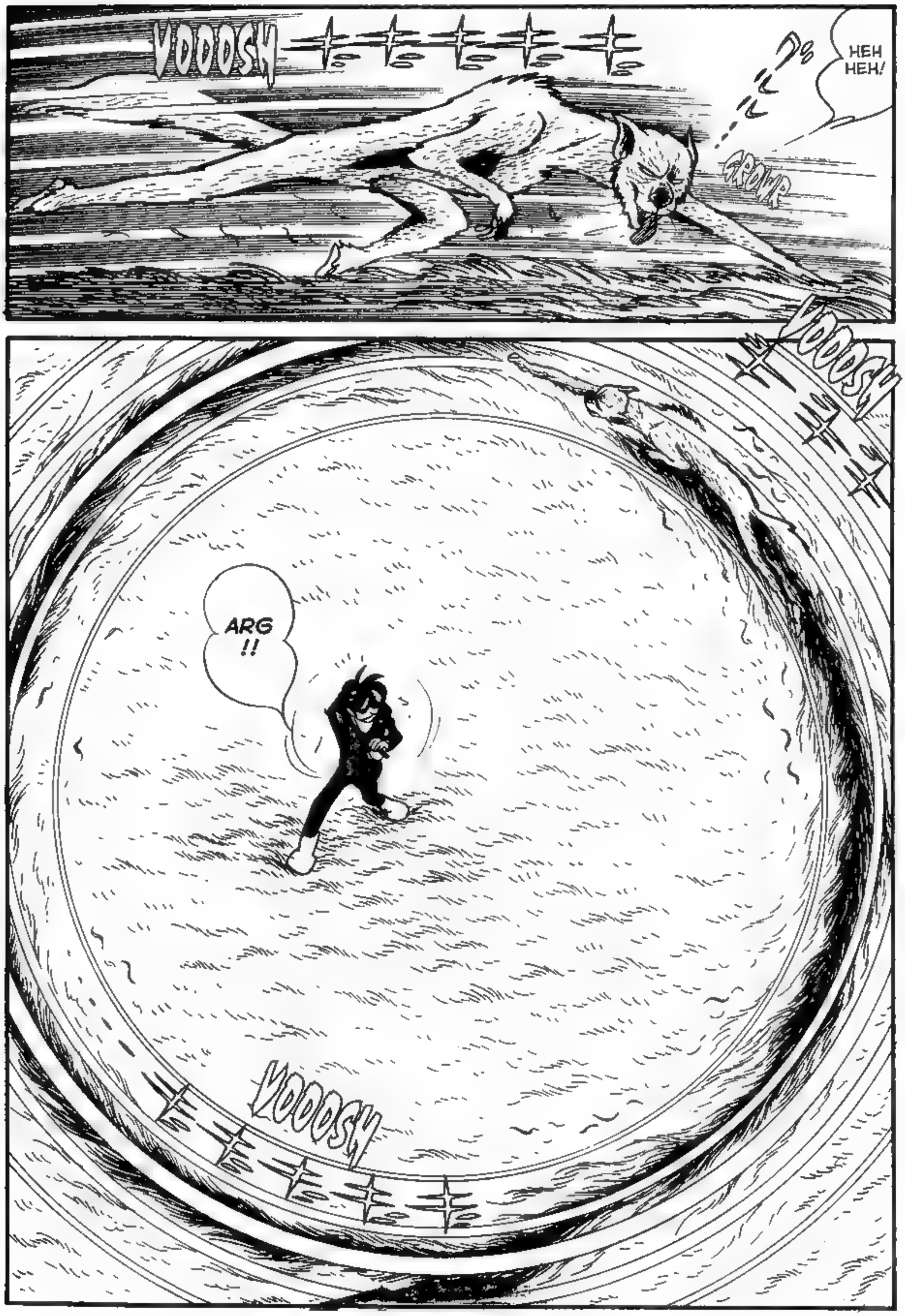


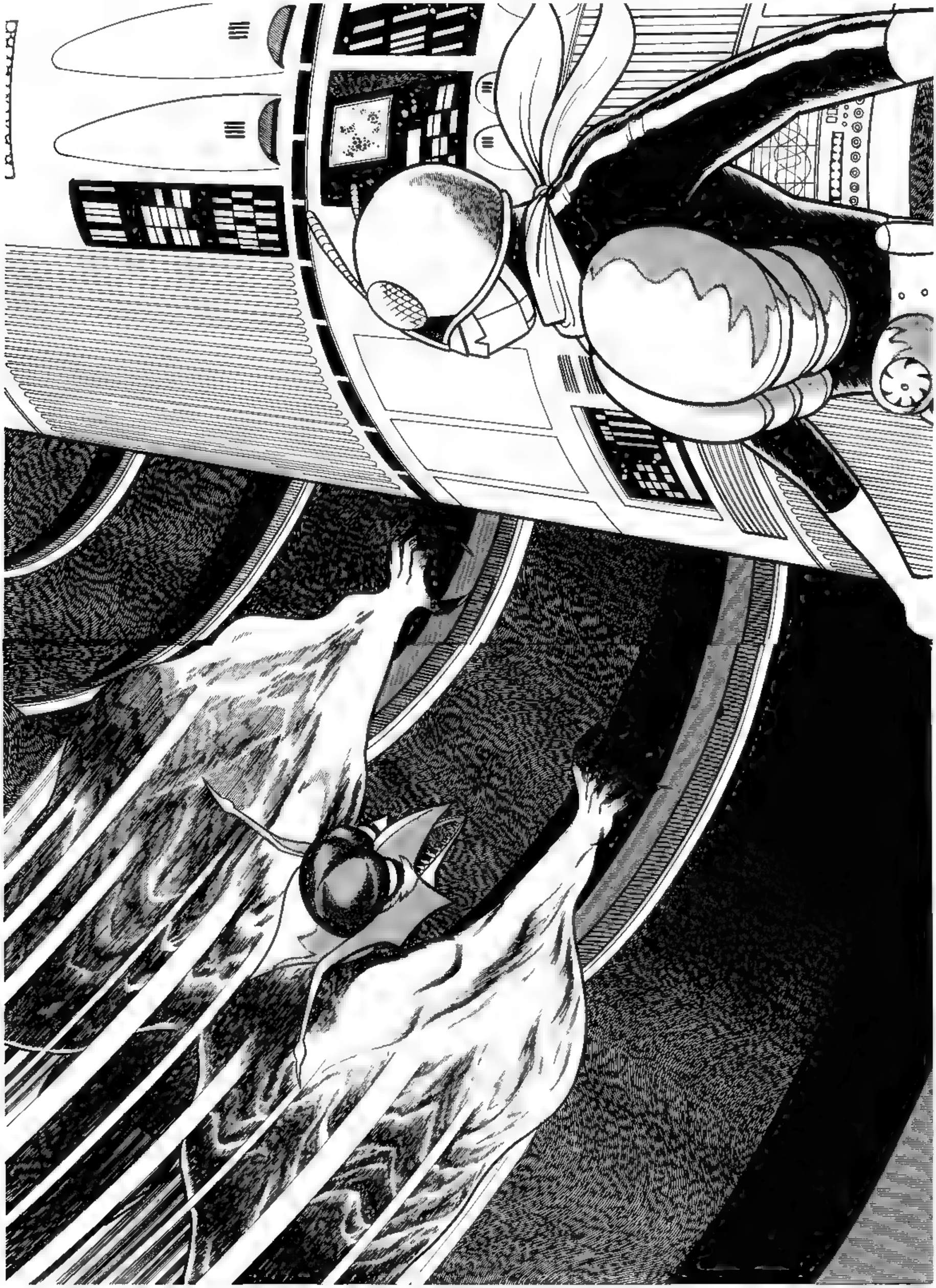
WHOA!

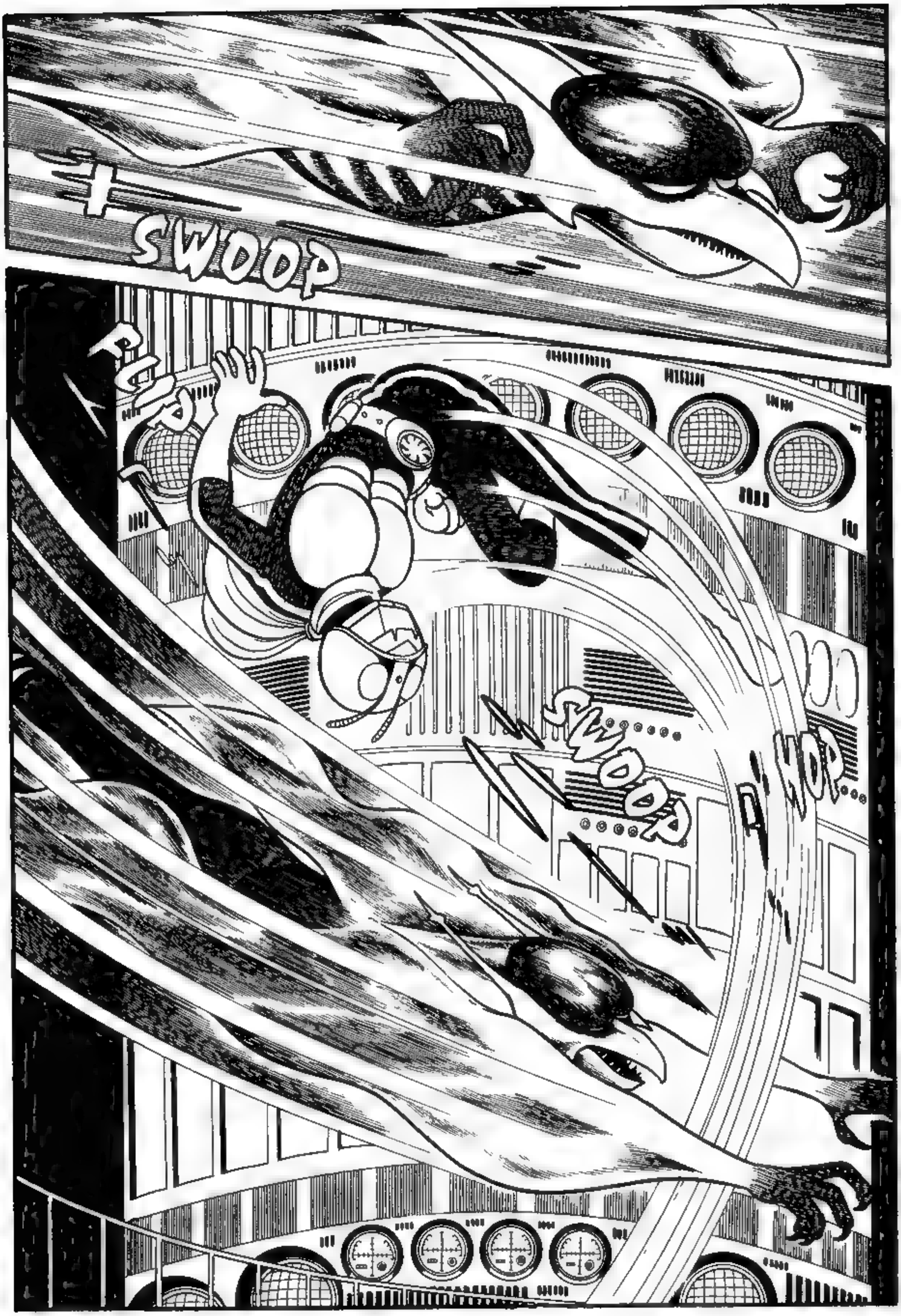
HAYATO... HANG IN THERE UNTIL I GET BACK!!
THUD
ACK... !!

GROWL
IV
IV


BLAM
DASH
I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU, BEAST!
PEW
BLAM
PEW
PEW


VOOOSH
HEH HEH!
GROWP
VOOOSH
ARG !!
VOOOSH




SWOOP
SWOOP
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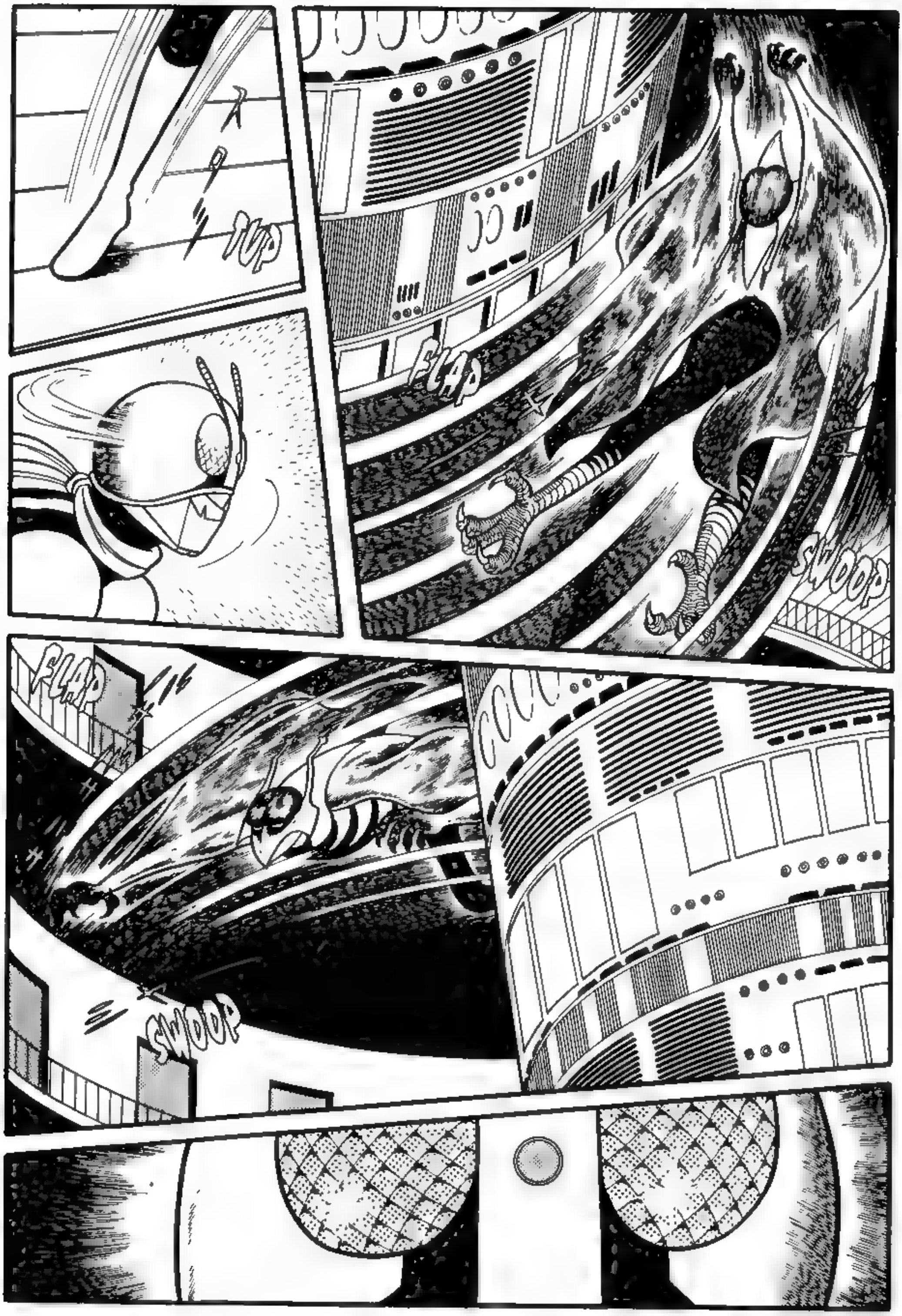
SWOOP


SLAP
SWOOP

HUH !?
DASH

DASH
SPOOF
RAAAR

BWAH

THUD

SNAP

DAMN YOU!

WHERE'D HE GO...?

VRRREEE.....

CLOP

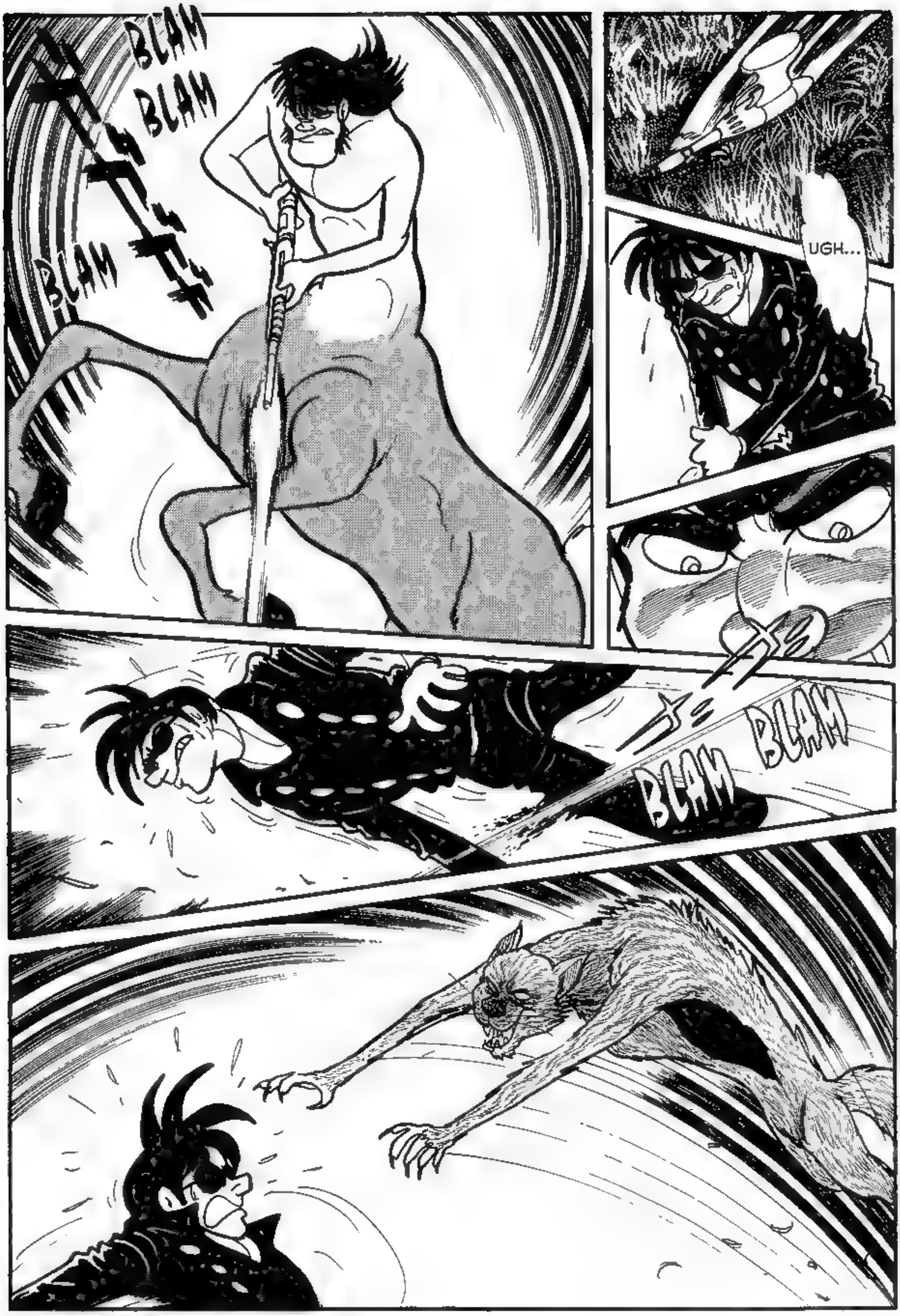
KA-CLOP

KA-CLOP

KA-CLOP

BLAM BLAM BLAM

WHOA!!


BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
UGH...
BLAM
BLAM

HALT AVANCE
GRRRR
YAAH !!
WHAT... !?
GRRR
HUD

KALOP KALOP

BLAM BLAM BLAM

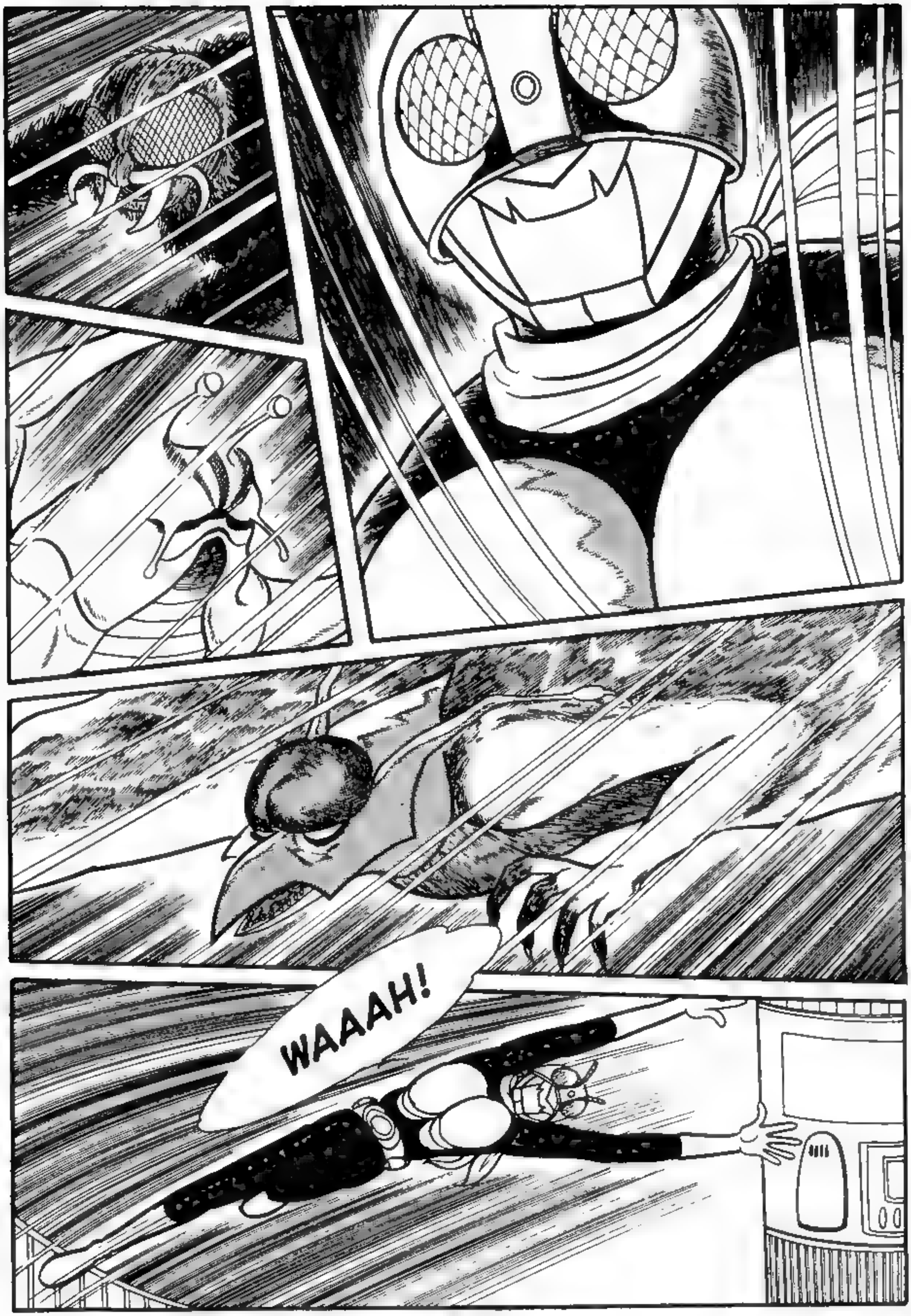
ZZZAP

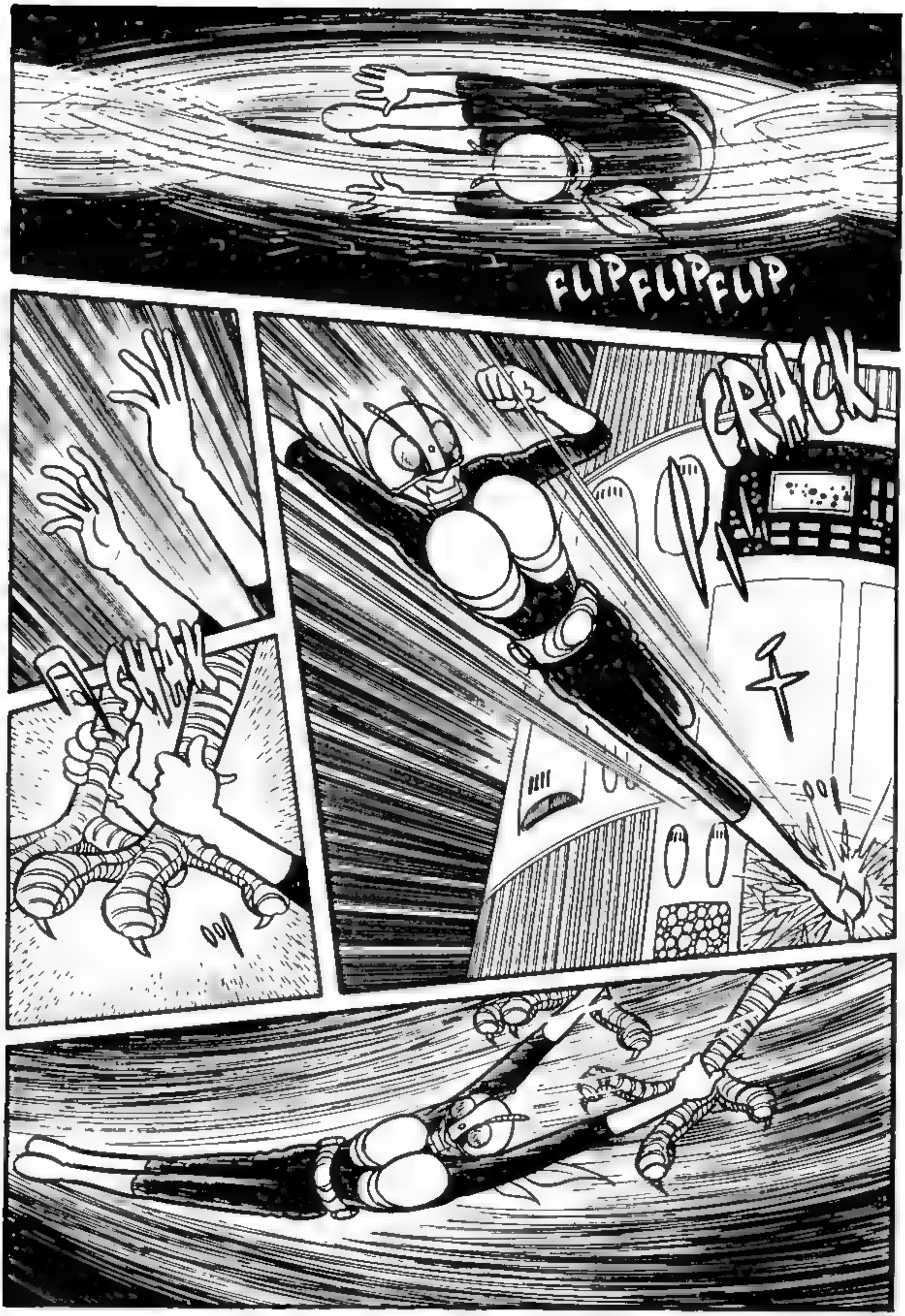
AYIEE !!

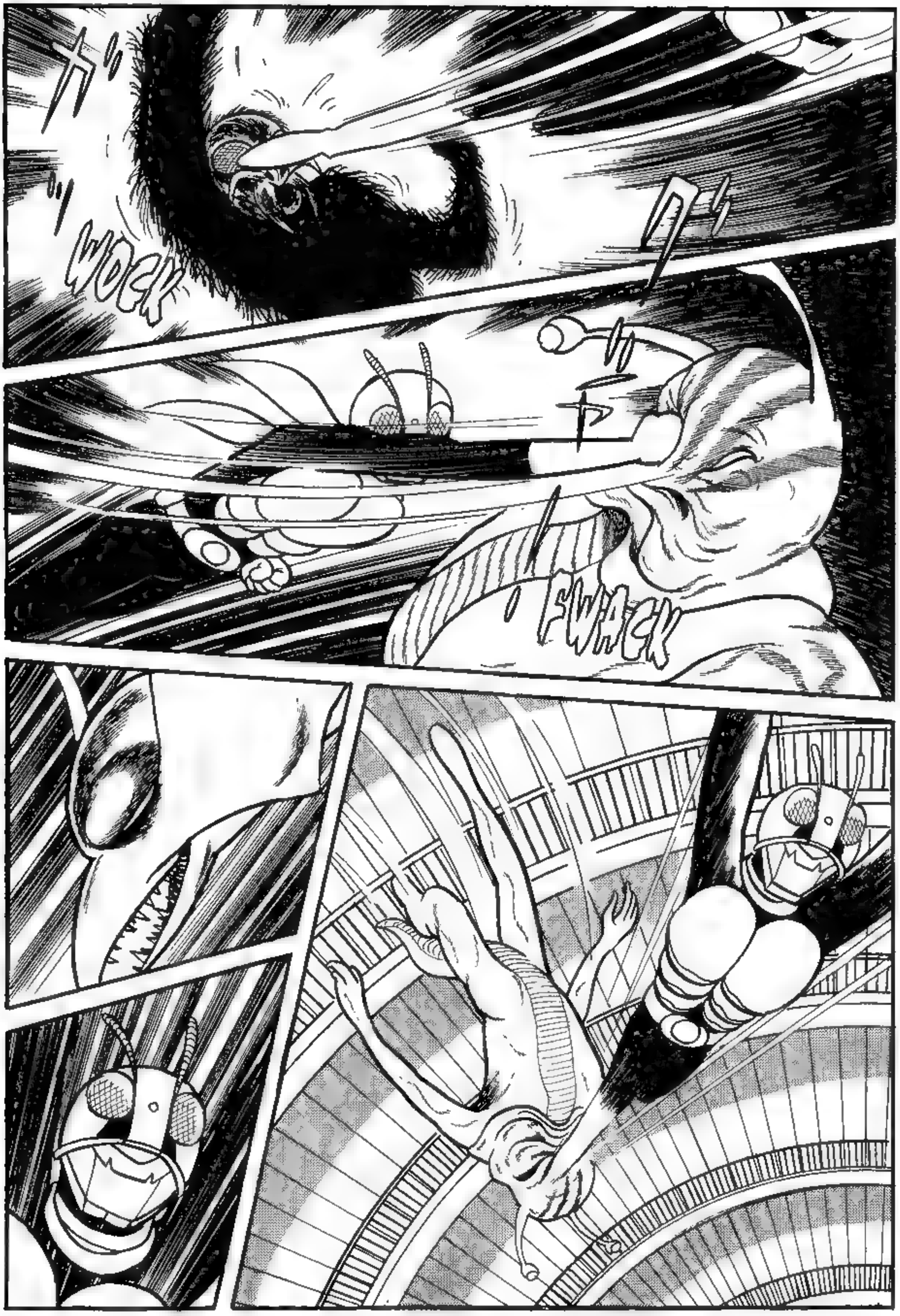
END

WHO'S THERE !?

YOU... !!

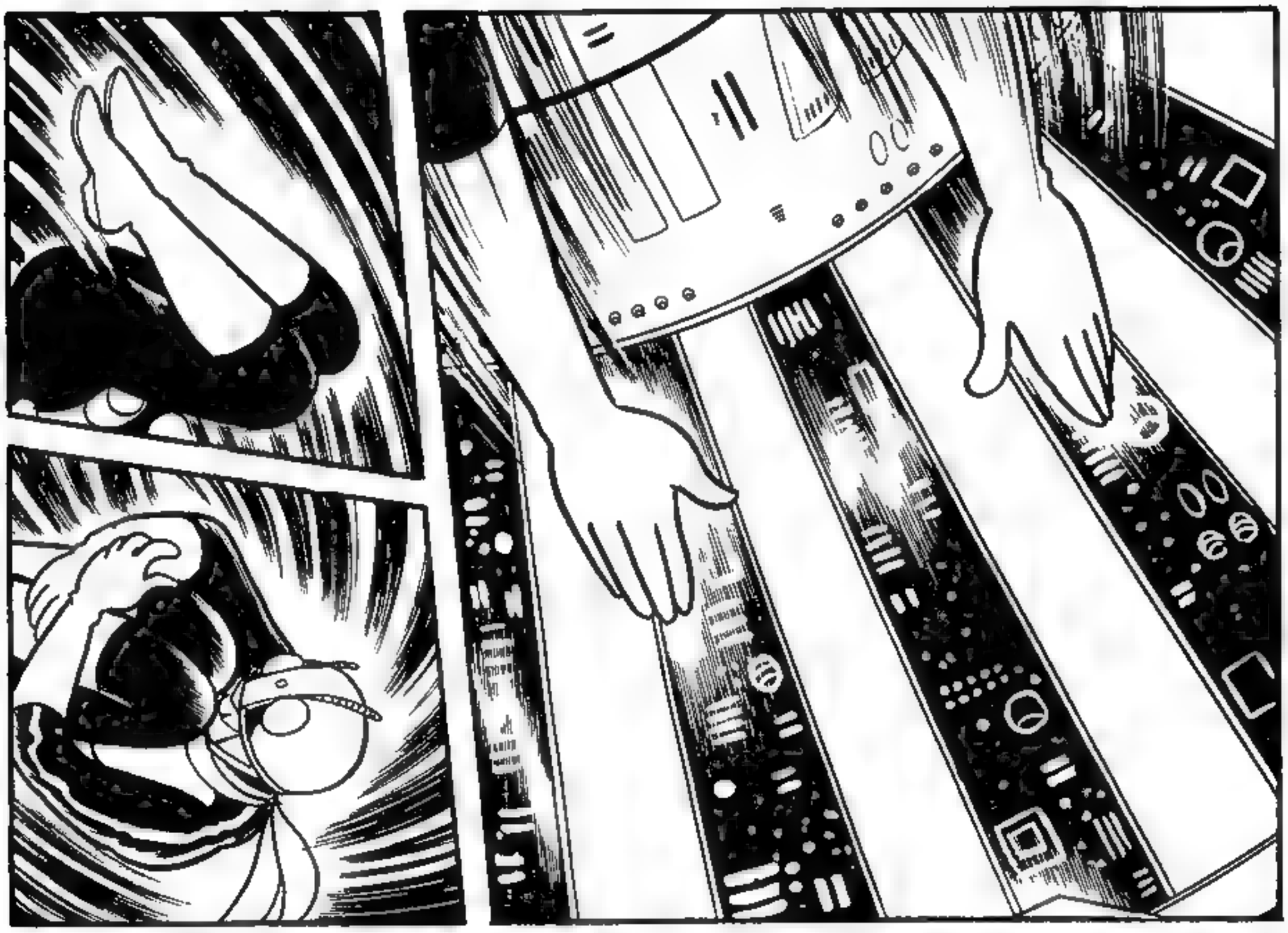

WAAAH!

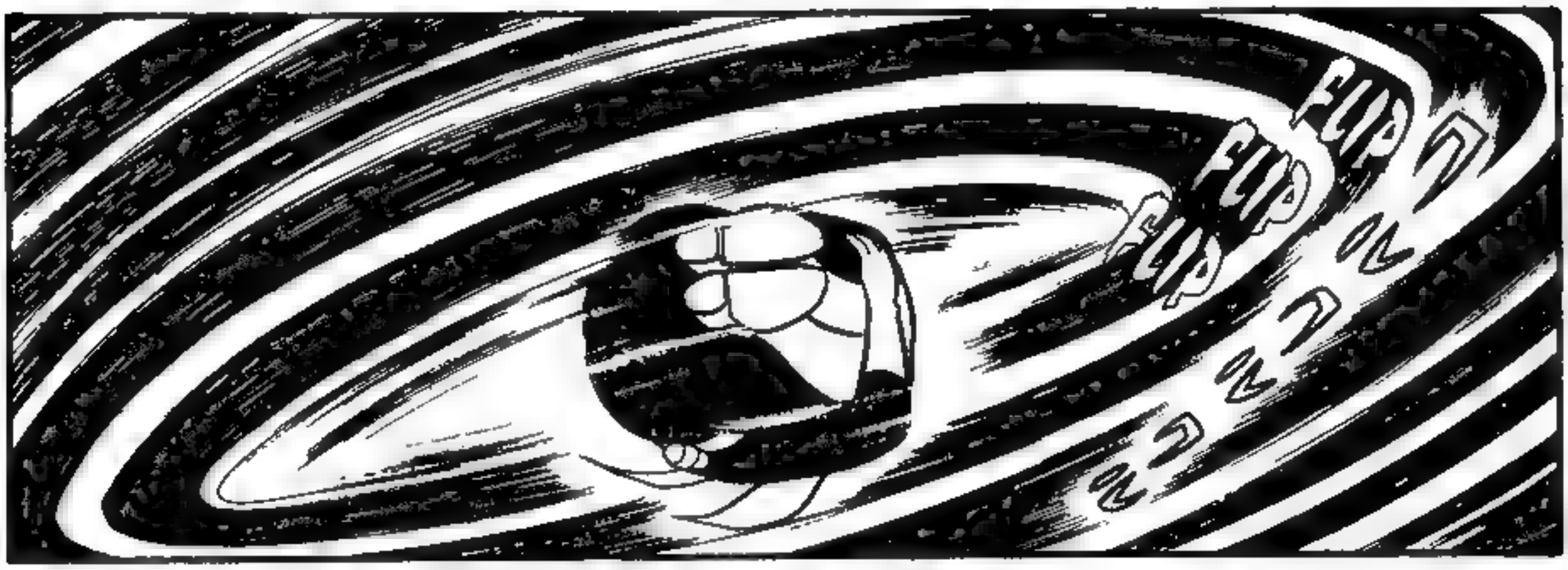

FLIP FLIP FLIP
CRACK


WOCK
SWACK

WHACK
CLUNK

NOOOOOM




FLIP
FWOP
FWOP
FWOP

SO... I TAKE IT YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE "OCTOBER PROJECT"?

THAT'S ME!

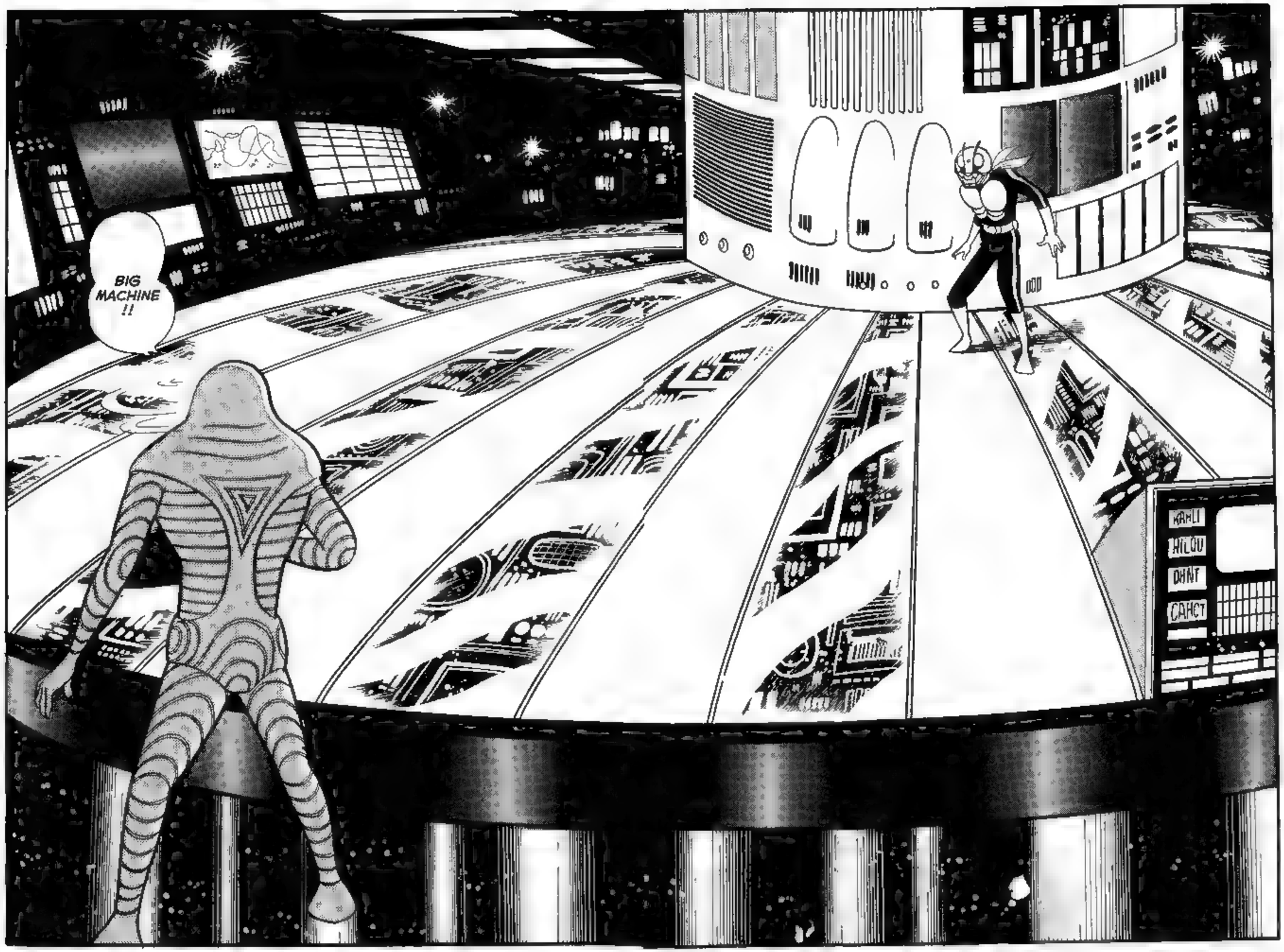
YOU WERE EXPECTING SOMEONE ELSE?

KAMEN RIDER !!

YOU MAY CALL ME...

GROWR!

INDEED, I AM...


BIG MACHINE !!
KRHLI
HILOU
OHNT
CAHCT

.....
YOU'RE TRYING TO TURN EVERY HUMAN BEING INTO A BRAINLESS ROBOT!
DON'T YOU SEE HOW CRAZY THIS ALL IS?
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE DESTROYED ALONG WITH IT, I SUGGEST YOU SURRENDER NOW!
I'M JUST HERE TO DESTROY THE BRAIN!!
RIIIGHT... BIG MACHINE... WHATEVER.

HEH HEH...

BUT THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO LET YOU SUCCEED!

IT'S AN AMBITIOUS PLAN, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT...

THIS WASN'T OUR PLAN TO START WITH... IT IS THE BRAINCHILD OF YOUR OWN GOVERNMENT!

WHAT !?

WELL, THAT IDEA LED TO PLANS FOR A COMPLETELY COMPUTERIZED NATION!

THE WHOLE IDEA TO "ORGANIZE" THE CITIZENS USING CODES AND NUMBERS?

I'M SURE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE SUGGESTION THAT WAS MADE AT PARLIAMENT...

THEN, WHEN IT WAS 90% COMPLETE, WE CAME IN AND TOOK OVER!

WE WATCHED AND WAITED AS YOUR GOVERNMENT WORKED WITH HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS TO BUILD THIS COMPUTER...

SHOCKER WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THIS NOTION, AND WE QUICKLY JUMPED ON THE OPPORTUNITY.

.....!?

HEH HE!

OF COURSE ...

HEH HEHEHE HEH...

WE SIMPLY HAD TO CONVINCE YOUR GOVERNMENT THAT WE WERE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THEIR IDEALS, AND THAT WE HAD THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO MAKE THEIR DREAMS A REALITY!

IT WAS EASY ENOUGH...

NO...

IT'S THE TRUTH!!

NO... I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!

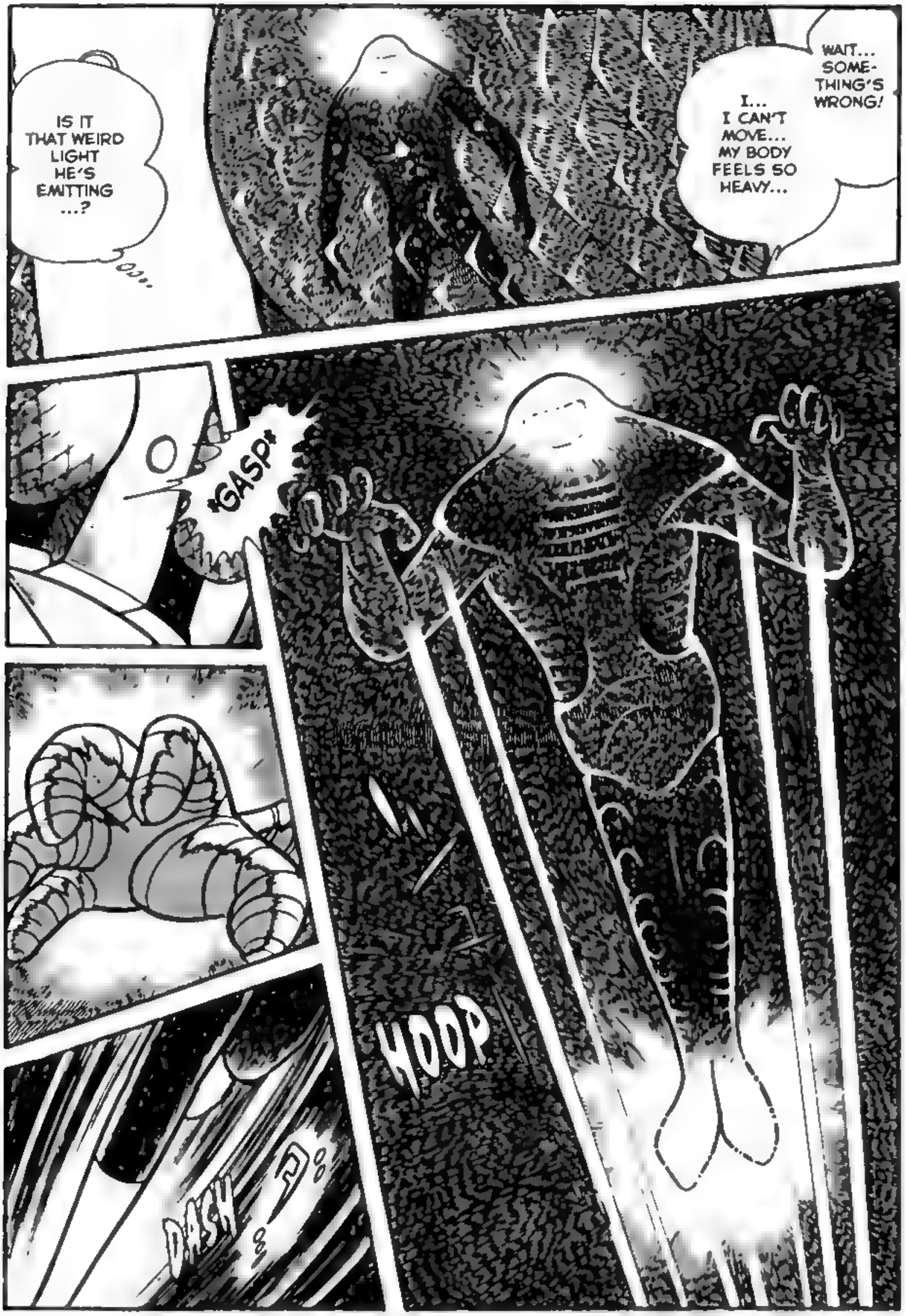
HEHEHE...

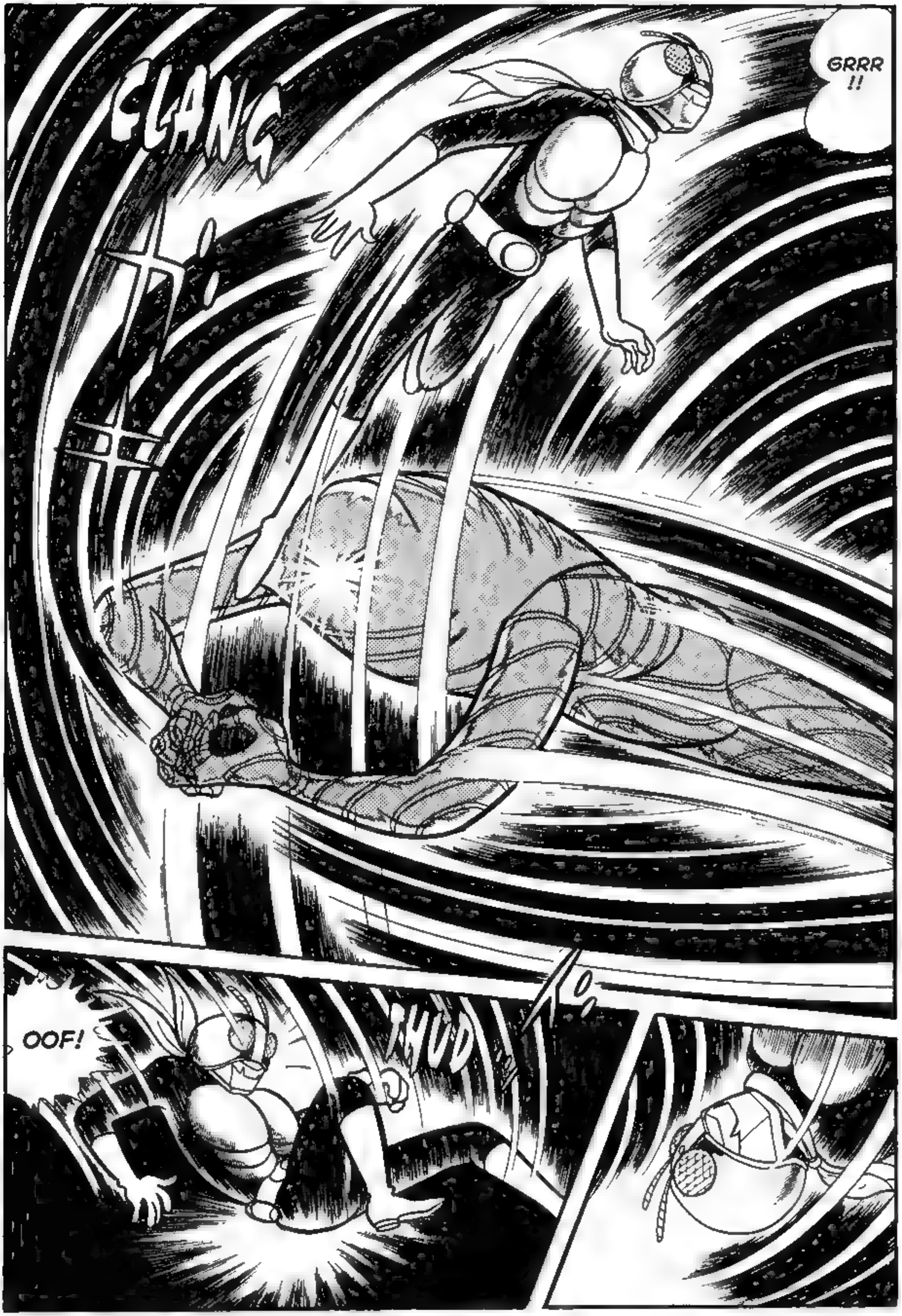
YOUR FBI FRIEND TOLD YOU ABOUT YOUR GOVERNMENT'S DEAL WITH HINOSHITA ELECTRONICS, DIDN'T HE?

IN A WAY, WE ARE THE INNOCENT VICTIMS HERE... YOU MAKE US OUT TO BE THE EVIL VILLAINS IN THIS SCENARIO...

BUT THE FACT IS, IT WAS YOUR OWN GOVERNMENT WHO CAME UP WITH THE IDEA! THAT'S RIGHT... THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE PEOPLE CHOSE TO PUT INTO POWER... THIS IS THEIR DREAM! THEIR VISION!! SO IN A WAY... IT WAS YOUR OWN DOING!

BUT...


IS IT THAT WEIRD LIGHT HE'S EMITTING ...?
OOH..
WAIT... SOME-THING'S WRONG!
I... I CAN'T MOVE... MY BODY FEELS SO HEAVY...
"GASP"
DASH
HOOP


GRRR !!
CLANG
OOF!
THUD

I HAVE THE ABILITY TO HYPNOTIZE MACHINES!

HA HA!

ARE YOU JUST NOTICING NOW?

CLUNK CLUNK CLUNK CLUNK

I CAN'T CONTROL MY BODY AS WELL AS BEFORE!

THIS ISN'T RIGHT...

HAH HAHA HAH!

HEH HEH...

HEHE! I GUESS THAT'S NOT AN ENTIRELY ACCURATE DESCRIP-TION...

WHAT !?

CLUNK CLUNK CLUNK

I AM ABLE TO EMIT A UNIQUE SIGNAL THAT CONFUSES MACHINES AND SCRAMBLES THEIR FUNCTIONS!

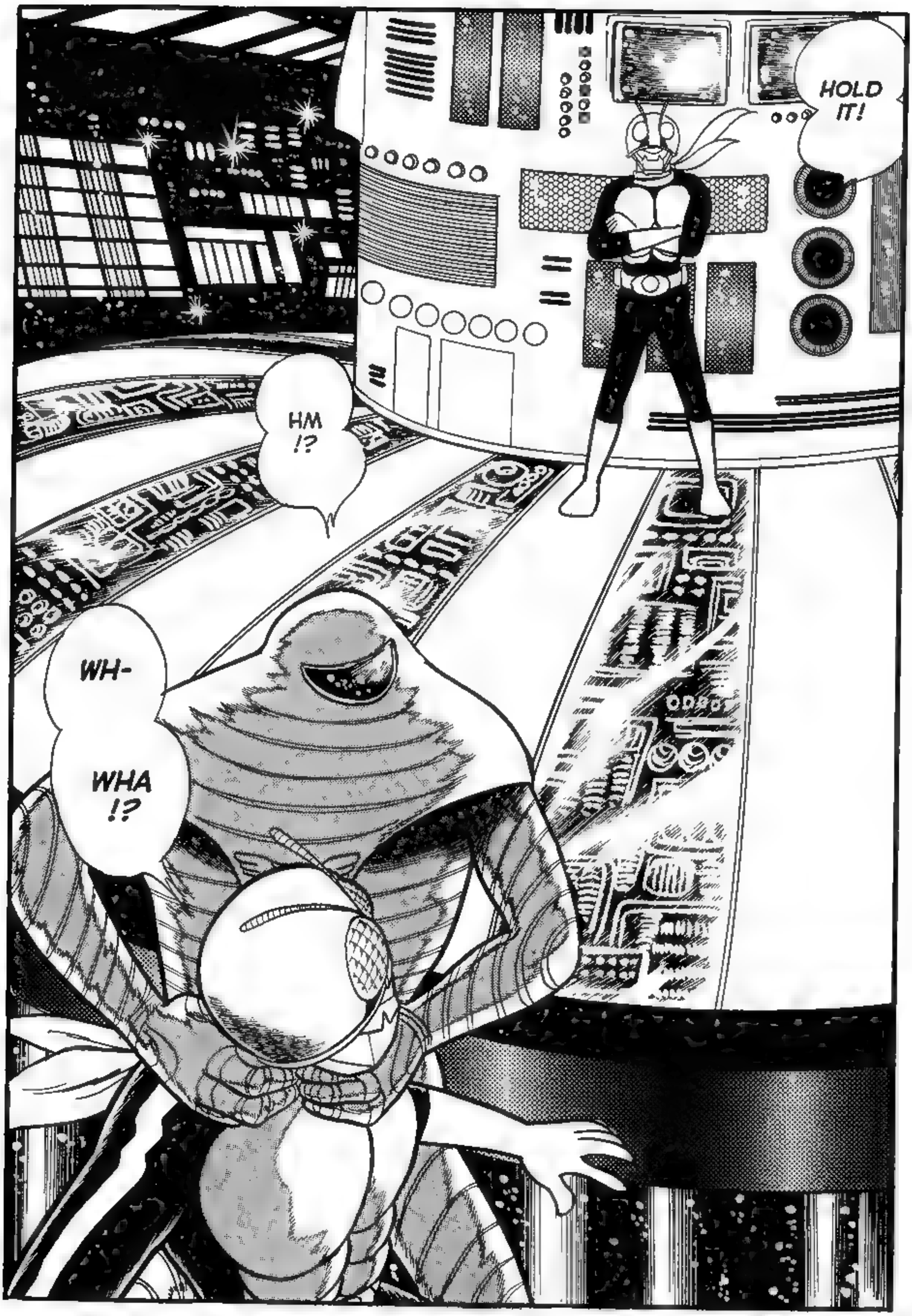
DIE, KAMEN RIDER!!

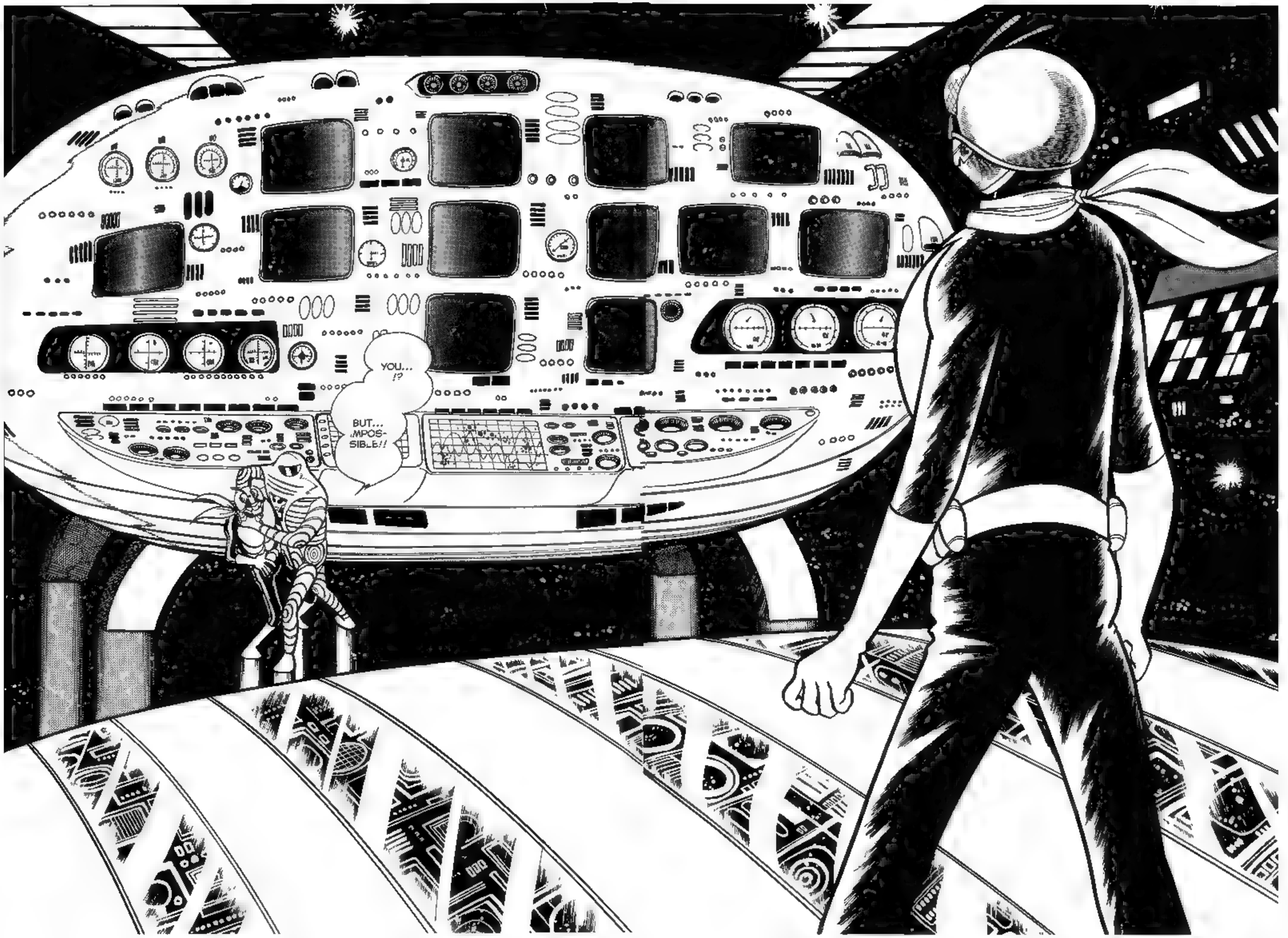
YOU MAY BE PART HUMAN, BUT YOU ARE ALSO PART MACHINE! YOUR CYBORG COMPONENTS ARE BEING AFFECTED BY MY SIGNAL!!

URG...

UH...

GAAACK!!


HOLD IT!
HM !?
WH-
WHA !?


YOU...
!?
BUT...
IMPOS-
SIBLE!!

KRASH
YOU'D THINK SO, WOULDN'T YOU?
BUT I AM ALSO KAMEN RIDER !!
TAKESHI ...? IS THAT YOU!?
GRR...

YES, HAYATO! NOW PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER !!

KRASH!!

TAKESHI HONGOU IS DEAD!!

YOU... YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!

BUT OUR SPIRITS... OUR SOULS... ARE IMMORTAL!!

NO !!

SCIENCE ISN'T JUST THE TOOL OF EVIL! IT CAN BE USED FOR GOOD AS WELL!!

OUR MORTAL COILS ARE FRAGILE AND WEAK, IT'S TRUE...

KRASH!!

THEN... DOES THAT MEAN...!?

HEHE HEH!

YOU ARE AN ANDROID ...?

NO, EVEN BETTER... PURE ROBOT WITH A HUMAN BRAIN.../

THIS GUY EMITS A SIGNAL THAT MESSES WITH ANY MACHINE!

GET OUT OF HERE !!

YOU CAN'T FIGHT HIM!!

NO, TAKESHI !!

WHACK

IF YOUR ENTIRE BODY IS A MACHINE...

HEH HEHE HEH...

HEH HEHE HEH...

YOU WILL BE MY NEXT PUPPET!

YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ME!!

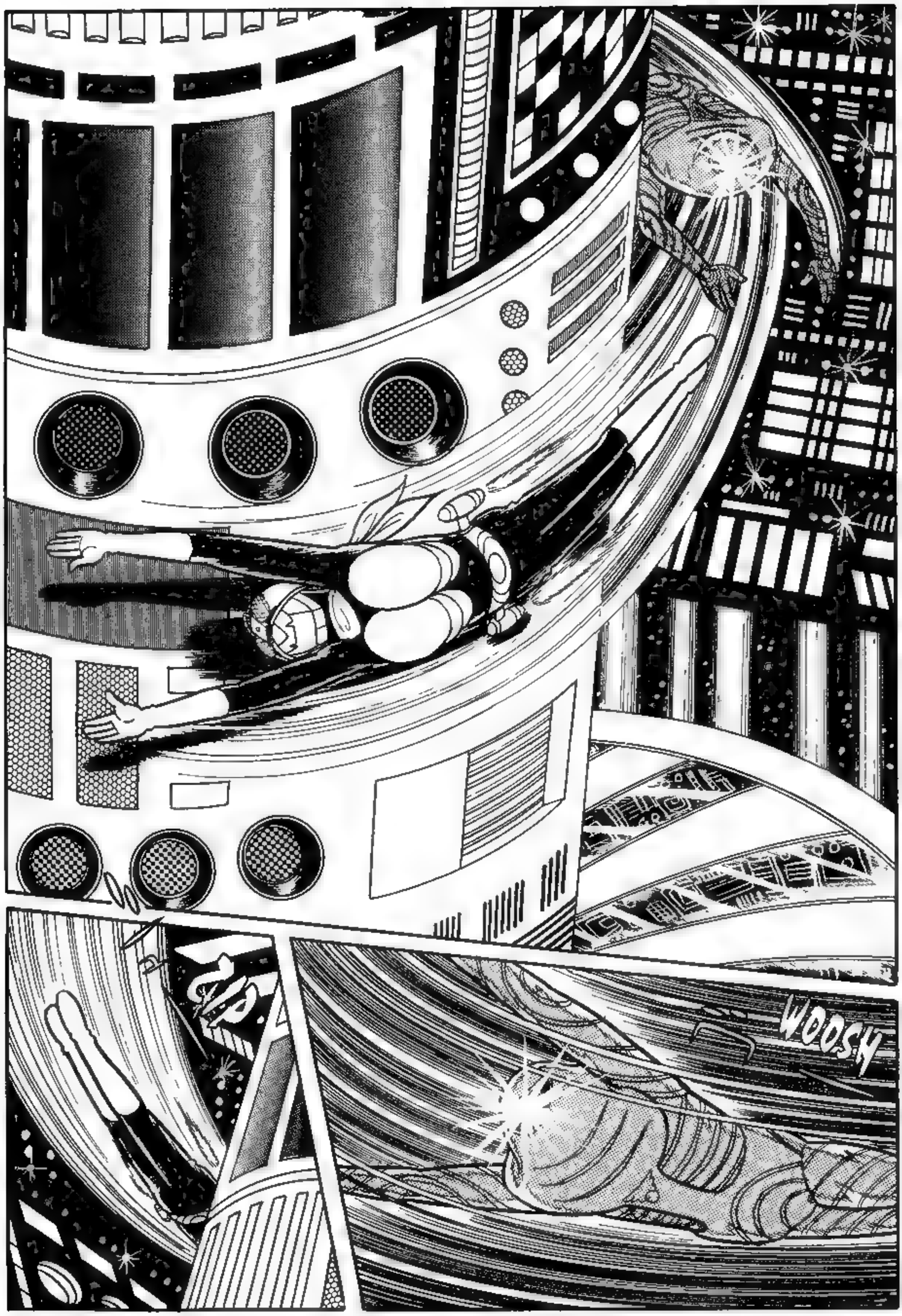
HM !?

WAH !!

WOOOSH

WOOOSH

YOU LITTLE PEST!!


WOOSH

WHAT...
!?
KA-BOOM

THOOM

THOOM

ARG!!

WHAT DID YOU DO!?

IT WAS YOUR SPECIAL SIGNAL!

.....

HAHA!!

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!

YOU FORGOT TO CONSIDER THE FACT THAT YOUR PRECIOUS COMPUTER IS ALSO JUST ONE GIANT MACHINE!

YOU WERE EMITTING YOUR SIGNAL SO WILDLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET ME IN YOUR GRASP...

YOUR SIGNAL HAS SCRAMBLED THE COMPUTER, AND NOW YOUR MASTER BRAIN IS SELF-DESTRUCTING!

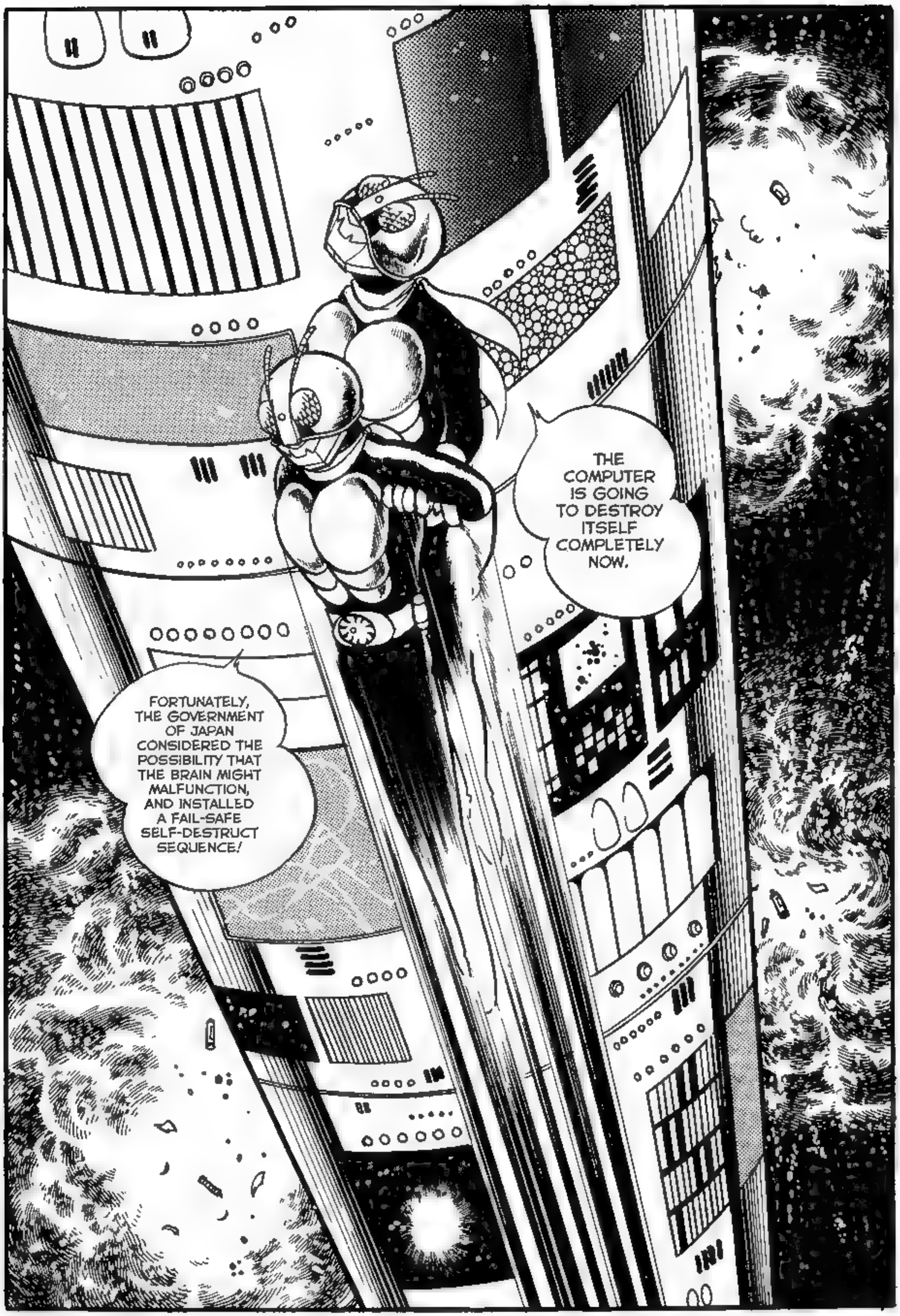
KA-K-D-O-M

NO !!

COME ON, HAYATO!

THAT'S OUR CUE!

WOOSH


THE COMPUTER IS GOING TO DESTROY ITSELF COMPLETELY NOW.
FORTUNATELY, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE BRAIN MIGHT MALFUNCTION, AND INSTALLED A FAIL-SAFE SELF-DESTRUCT SEQUENCE!

VOOSH

WITHOUT THAT, I'M NOT SURE WHAT WE WOULD HAVE DONE!

IT WAS THE ONE THING THEY DID RIGHT IN THIS WHOLE MESS!

KRASH KOOM

NO!

UGH..

OH..

UHH...

HEY!!

VOOSH

SNORT

NEY

I'M GLAD HE GOT TO YOU IN TIME!

WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW!

THIS WHOLE AREA'S GOING TO EXPLODE!!

HEY! OVER HERE!!

WOOSH

TAKESHI SAVED MY HIDE, TOO!

KATHOOM

CRACK

KAFOOM

KABOOM

KAFOOM

OH NO!

I FORGOT TO GRAB ONE OF THE DOCTORS FOR KOUJI!!

.....

SOB

SOB

THE PEOPLE ARE DEMANDING YOUR RESIG-NATION!

PRIME MINISTER! CAN WE GET A COMMENT? DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY FOR YOURSELF!?

GRR..

NO! I'M NOT RESIGNING! I WON'T!!

KRSH!!

I'M SO SORRY, JUNKO...

GET LOST !!

WHAT MAKES ME TRULY SAD, THOUGH ...

.....

I BELIEVE HE LIVED IT AS WELL AS HE COULD.

IT'S... OKAY... HIS LIFE MAY HAVE BEEN SHORT, BUT...

... IS THE REALIZATION THAT HUMANKIND IS USING THE "WEAPON OF PROGESS" KNOWN AS SCIENCE AGAINST THE WRONG ENEMY...!

KAMEN RIDER - FIN